

How Wonderful the Patented Super-Six Principle. It is responsible for the largest selling 6-cylinder cars in the world. After ten successful years, the patented exclusive Super-Six principle to-day is responsible for Hudson-Essex being the largest selling 6-cylinder cars in the world. How amazing this supremacy to endure so long. New cars, types, and designs succeed each other at breathless rate. Yet, year after year, the Hudson Super-Six with its unchanged patented principle remains the largest selling fine car in the world.

Touring ..... \$51,600 Coach ..... \$51,740  
Including complete special equipment.

THE DRAGON MOTOR CAR CO., LTD.  
33, Wong Nei Chung Road, Happy Valley.

# China Mail

ESTABLISHED  
1848

No. 25,575

HONG KONG, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1927.

PRICE, \$3.00 Per Month.

N. LAZARUS.  
Hong Kong's Only European Optician—  
Established Over Forty Years  
Manager—Ralph A. Cooper, M.A.O.A.  
Registered Optometrist (Canada)

## GOOD VALUES AT WHITEWAYS



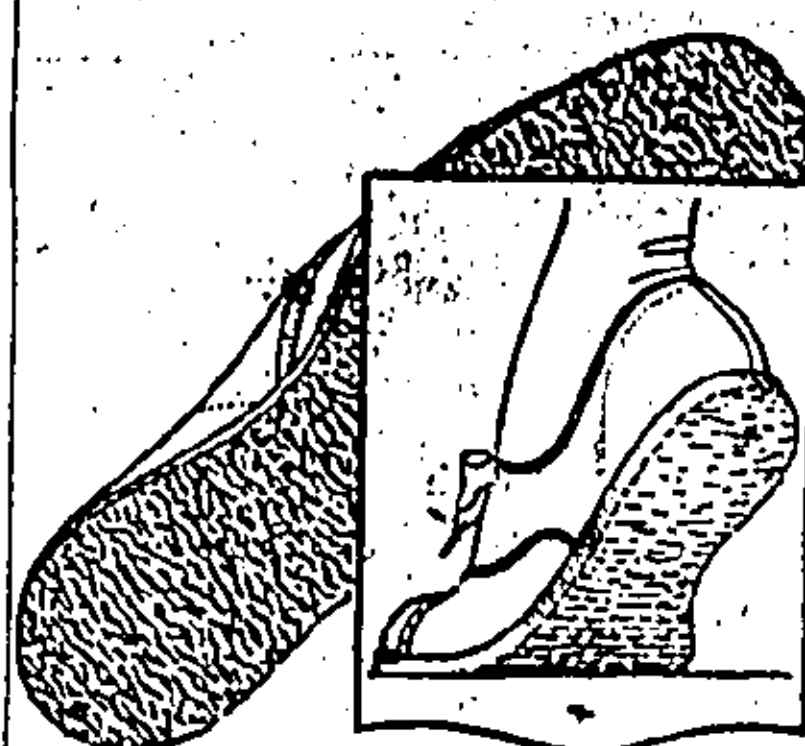
A Light Weight but hard wearing Sock for Summer use. Reinforced in every wearing part. White or light fawn.

STANDARD VALUE 85 Cts. pair



BATSWING TIES.  
In neat checks, stripes, or fancy designs, also in foulard patterns.

\$1.50 to \$1.95.



THE "MARGATE."  
Crepe Sole Tennis Shoe, a fine white Canvas with a light weight Crepe Rubber Sole, All sizes.

Gents \$4.50 pair.  
Ladies \$3.95 pair.

WHITEAWAY, LAIDLAW  
& CO., LTD.  
HONG KONG.

## CAMPBELL MOORE

GENTLEMEN'S  
and  
LADIES'  
HAIR DRESSERS.

MANICURING A SPECIALITY  
Theatrical Goods For Sale  
At All Times.  
19, Queen's Road C.  
Tel. C. 161.

## UNDERWOOD TYPEWRITERS

Small 3-Bank Portable Model  
New 4-Bank Portable Model  
and  
Standard Office Machines

Every Size always in stock  
Suitable for all requirements.

SOLE AGENTS—

## DODWELL & CO., LTD.

Queen's Building,  
Ground Floor.  
Opposite Ferry Wharf.  
Tel. 1090 Central.

## DANGER TO PEKING.

### BRITISH OFFICIAL WARNING.

### WOMEN AND CHILDREN TO LEAVE.

### AMERICAN GOVERNMENT'S ANXIETY.

### PLAN TO MOVE LEGATION STAFF.

### GREATER SAFETY NEARER THE COAST.

### POWERS' NORTH CHINA DEFENCE MEASURES.

Owing to the danger of Peking being involved in disturbances as the result of a possible Northern collapse, official instructions were telegraphed to the British Legation at Peking to warn British women and children residing outside the Legation quarter not to remain at Peking.

Feeling that the American marines in Peking would not be able to assure the safety of the personnel owing to the distance from the coast, the State Department at Washington has prepared a plan for moving the United States Legation to a point near the sea, such plan not to be put into effect, however, unless conditions become more serious.

Military experts who have been investigating the position in North China have come to the conclusion that 16,000 troops are required to protect foreign life and property in Peking and Tientsin. There are already 7,000 troops at these two cities, and each of the major Protocol Powers, it is assumed, will bring the strength of its forces up to the equivalent of one brigade.

### READY FOR TROUBLE.

Proposal to Safeguard The Railway.

Shanghai, June 1.  
After careful investigation by the military experts it has been decided that the force necessary to protect foreign lives and property in Tientsin and Peking is sixteen thousand.

There are already seven thousand troops of five nationalities.

### TSINGTAO PROTEST.

Landing of Japanese Troops Opposed.

Tsingtao, May 31.  
Three Japanese regiments totalling 2,000 men have arrived here from Dairen.

The Chinese authorities have protested against their landing.

British, American, Japanese, French and Italian, in these cities.

While the precise number of troops Britain is despatching has not yet been decided, roughly, it is assumed that each of the four major protocol Powers, Britain, America, France and Japan, will have the equivalent of one brigade between Tientsin and Peking.

A proposal has been made and is being investigated to safeguard the Peking-Tientsin railway communications by aeroplane patrol.

Legation Quarter Defence.  
Regarding the defence of the Legation Quarter, it will be confined to 2,000 men of five nationalities.

Yesterday official instructions were telegraphed to the British Legation at Peking to warn British women and children residing outside the Legation Quarter not to remain in Peking.

These precautionary measures are based on the assumption that a Northern collapse is possible.

Although nothing has so far transpired to warrant alarm as regards foreigners, in view of what occurred at Nanking and the general hostility to foreigners in the Yangtze Valley, it is considered imperative to take ample precautions.—Reuter.

### TAKING NO RISKS.

Plan to Transfer American Legation.

Washington, May 31.  
Anticipating a possible increase in disturbances in North China, President Coolidge has approved

A plan evolved by the State Department for the transferring of the American Legation at Peking to some point nearer the coast, but the plan will not be put into effect unless the conditions become more serious, in which case it is felt that Peking is so distant from the coast, that the American marines stationed there will hardly be able to assure the safety of the personnel of the Legation.—Reuter's American Service.

### A CHANGE OF VIEW.

Serious Trouble Now Thought Unlikely.

Peking, May 31.  
In view of the steps taken by the principal foreign Powers for greater protection of the Legation quarter and the keeping open of the railway to Tientsin, the recent virtual decision that there should be a general foreign evacuation of the capital has been, at least temporarily, abandoned.

Foreign officials now consider that serious trouble is unlikely, and the foreign reinforcements

### FENG'S CLAIMS.

2,000 Prisoners & Six Munition Trains.

Hankow, May 31.  
A communique from Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang dated May 28 describing the occupation of 20,000 prisoners and six trainloads of ammunition.—Reuter.

are sufficient to ensure safety in the case of minor disturbances. The capital at present is remarkably peaceful. There are no signs of popular alarm, and the Chinese attitude to foreigners is friendly.—Reuter.

### HANKOW AGITATION.

Backed By Nationalist Officials.

Shanghai, May 31.  
The meetings and demonstrations of yesterday were openly anti-British and it is known that they were backed by the Nationalist Government officials.—British Naval Wireless.

Kukiang's Escape.  
Kukiang, May 31.  
It was evidently intended that trouble should be stirred up locally as the result of the May 30 demonstrations. It is known that agitators were specially imported to stir up strife, but their

## CRISIS IN EGYPT.

Satisfactory Solution Expected.

### BRITAIN'S FRIENDLY ATTITUDE.

London, May 31.  
It is learned in London, that there is no intention at present of publishing the British Note to Egypt, but it is emphasised that the Note is in no way an ultimatum. On the contrary it is very friendly.

The despatch of warships to Egypt is purely precautionary. It is known that Egyptian mobs quickly get out of hand. Therefore it is essential to have a force sufficient to protect lives and property, which is Britain's duty under the declaration of 1922.—Reuter.

The Door Still Open.  
Cairo, May 31.  
The newspapers "Mokattam" and "Ahram" affirm the Government's intention to uphold its



viewpoint vis a vis Great Britain and declare the British demands do not conform with the 1922 declaration.

The newspaper "Siassah" thinks it strange to see an exchange of Notes on a matter in which Egyptians are clearly in the right, and stranger still to see Britain accompanying her Note with warships.

Britain is strong enough to do what she likes in Egypt but force has never been the basis of right. In spite of such expressions of opinion, it is expected that a satisfactory solution can be reached.

Prominent Egyptians point out that no decisions have yet been reached as regards the Army and the Chamber War Committee's proposals do not necessarily reflect the policy of the Government.

King Faud has indefinitely postponed his departure for Alexandria.—Reuter.

Debate Postponed.  
Cairo, May 31.  
The crucial debate on the War Ministry vote due in the Chamber to-morrow has been postponed and will be discussed in the final phases of the Budget, probably on June 10.—Reuter.

efforts were not very successful. Only a few got through to the Concessions.—British Naval Wireless.

### Ichang Oil Removed.

Ichang, May 31.  
Yesterday's demonstrations were on a small scale and were not attended with much display of enthusiasm or of anti-foreign feeling.

The evacuation of oil by the American Companies is proceeding smoothly, no interference or opposition having been offered.—British Naval Wireless.

### Chinking Procession.

Chinking, May 31.  
A large procession passed through the Concession yesterday but was not attended with demonstrations of ill-feeling and the day passed off quietly.—British Naval Wireless.

### TIDE OF WAR.

Morale of Hankow Troops Suffers.

Hankow, May 31.  
The fall of Chengchow to the Hankow party and its abandonment by the Fengtien (Northern) troops is not confirmed although it is apparent that the Northern claims to successes were without foundation.  
(Continued on Page 7.)

## COLONIAL SERVICES.

Tribute From Prime Minister.

### UNOFFICIALS NEXT TIME.

London, May 31.  
The Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, received the delegates of the Colonial Conference at No. 10 Downing Street. Mr. Baldwin paid a tribute to the value of the work of the colonial services.

While there is general agreement in favour of continuing the conference in its present form, it is thought it would be advantageous to arrange a session at which there would be unofficial as well as official representatives of the Colonies to consider questions of economics and developments of common interest in the various parts of the colonial empire.—Reuter.

### DISTANT TYPHOON.

FINER WEATHER PREDICTED LOCALLY.

Warning is given to Hong Kong, coast ports, etc., of a typhoon about 300 miles E.N.E. of Manila, moving N.W., the position at 11 a.m. to-day being within 120 miles of Lat. 17° N., Long. 125° E., moving N.W.

Local weather forecast is: N.E. winds, moderate; overcast at first, finer later.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day: barometer, 29.82; temperature, 76; humidity, 94; wind E, force 3.

Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, .03 inch, total since January 1, 41.76 inches, against an average of 23.82 inches.

### KING'S BIRTHDAY.

RECEPTION AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Ladies and gentlemen attending the reception are requested to take with them visiting cards or cards with their names written distinctly thereon.

The dress to be worn at the reception will be white mess jackets, orders and decorations.

### SOVIET BREAK.

Mails Via Siberia Not Affected.

London, May 31.  
In the House of Commons, Sir William Mitchell Thomson, Postmaster-General, replying to Comdr. Kenworthy (Labour) said that the despatch of British mails via Siberia and the transmission of telegrams from England to Russia and countries beyond were governed by the terms of international conventions and obligations.

The British and Soviet Governments under these were not affected by the action of His Majesty's Government in respect of the Trade Delegation.—Reuter.

### Trade With Russia.

London, May 31.  
The Parliamentary Labour Party has established a Committee consisting of Mr. Clynes, Mr. Arthur Henderson and Mr. Sidney Webb to "consider the situation arising from the break with Russia and examine the means of continuing to foster trade." The appointment of the Committee has occasioned some comment in the Lobby in view of the Soviet declaration of intention to withdraw all trade facilities, but the Labour Party is of the opinion that the estrangement cannot last for ever and that the trade should be nursed so that it may revive as soon as possible.—Reuter.

On account of the continued indisposition of Mr. R. E. Lindsell, Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning relieved Mr. E. W. Hamilton as first Magistrate in the big Court at the Central Magistracy.

### TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/0 1/16.

## GAMBLING FEVER?

Clothing Alleged To Be Pawned.

### CURIOUS COURT CASE.

There was a somewhat surprising turn to a case in the Summary Court this morning, when an apparently simple case of money lent turned into a legal argument between the legal representatives of the plaintiff and defendant as to the laws of the Colony regarding gambling transactions.

A Chinese woman claimed for the return of \$100 which she stated she lent to the defendant (another Chinese woman) when the latter came to her in urgent need of funds.

In cross-examination plaintiff denied that she had anything to do with a gaming school at 34 Square Street or that she had persuaded the defendant to accompany her there. She denied that she had encouraged defendant to gamble with her and that in consequence, in a few weeks, the defendant was in her debt to the extent of \$1,000.

It was further put to plaintiff that the defendant had pawned articles of jewellery and even her clothing in an attempt to pay back her losses, but that the plaintiff had remained adamant that the money must be paid within a certain time.

### Kept "A Prisoner."

Plaintiff denied this and stated that the whole of the case was fabricated. She had never been to the address mentioned and she did not even know how to play the games of chance mentioned. Plaintiff denied that she had kept defendant virtually a prisoner in her house until certain of the debts had been paid and that whilst a prisoner the defendant had been encouraged to play in an endeavour to recover her losses and had lost a further \$500.

Plaintiff stated that the defendant had never been indebted to her for more than the amount claimed in this action and had never pawned articles for her benefit.

The case was adjourned after Mr. C. A. S. Russ (for the plaintiff) had referred briefly to the special defence raised by Mr. Strellett (for the defence).

With regard to the defence that the defendant was not of age at the time and could not be held liable, Mr. Russ said that he could give His Honour (Mr. P. Jacks) authority that it was impossible for an "infant" in this Colony to raise the plea of "infancy" in a Summary Court case.

With regard to the contention of the defence that a gaming transaction was illegal, it was held by the plaintiffs that this was a fabricated story. The old acts of Parliament, said Mr. Russ, never allowed a gambling transaction to be held illegal unless it was against public interests. An instance of the latter contingency was in the case of a bet on the length of life of Napoleon when it was held that the wager was illegal in that it might encourage attempts on his life! It was not until 1892 that gambling transactions and the securities given in respect of them were held to be void. With regard to the law of the Colony, the Ordinance relating to gambling did not make anything illegal. It was a penal ordinance only and referred only to gambling houses on which there was a ban. There was no Ordinance dealing with what might be called "private" gambling.

### CHARGE AGAINST SHROFF.

An assistant shroff employed by the Hong Kong and China Gas Company was this morning charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy with the embezzlement of \$1,353.51 which he had collected on behalf of the Company.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong prosecuted on behalf of the Company, and accused replied "Yes" when the charge was read to him.

Mr. F. H. Loseby then appeared in Court and said he was for the defence. He entered a plea of "not guilty" on behalf of his client and applied for a week's remand, which was granted.

New Stock of  
Gentlemen's

Foulard Silk

Ties

in many

Smart Designs



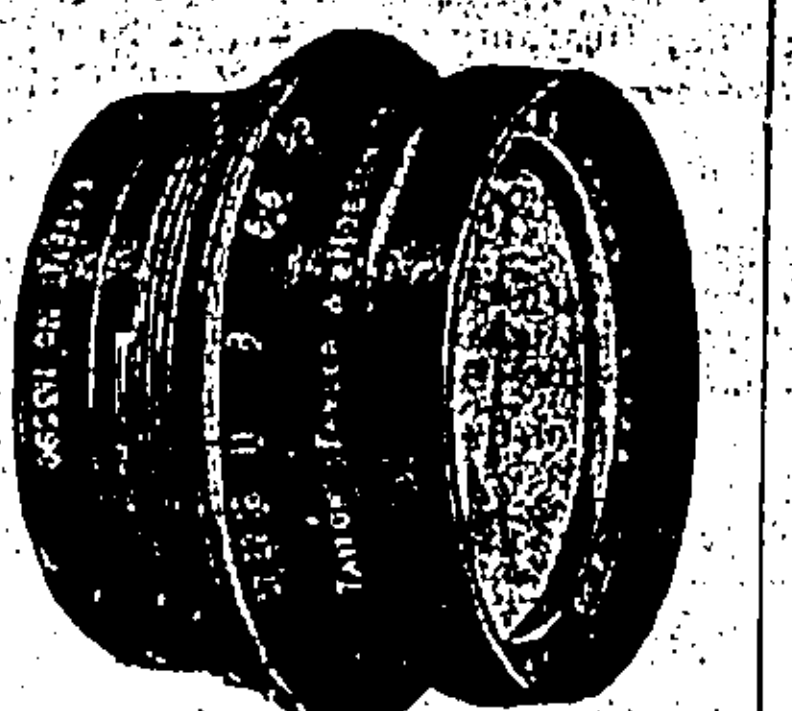
either to tie into a bow or the loose open end style.  
Price from \$1.50

You are invited to inspect our stock without obligation to purchase.

WM. POWELL LTD.

The Tailors and Outfitters  
12, Des Voeux Road.

F/4-5



To be sure of sharpness and crisp definition in your pictures, use the

COOKE  
AVIAR  
LENS

perfected for the exacting needs of Aerial photography.

Still used by the R.A.F. because they give more brilliance and definition than any other lens of equal aperture.

Ask your dealer.

COOKE LENSES

A. SEK & CO.

26A, Des Voeux Road Central.  
TEL. No. C. 3459

## PHOTO SUPPLIES

Kodaks, Cameras and Films &c.

LATEST STYLE

Developing, Printing and Enlarging.

ZEISS FIELD

GLASSES.

Price Moderate.  
A Trial Order is Solicited.







Competitors are reminded that the prize is to be awarded for the correct solution, or if nobody succeeds in getting the correct solution, for the NEAREST correct solution. Therefore, even if you have not done the cross word puzzle in full, send in what you have done—it may prove to be the nearest correct solution.



## DODWELL &amp; COMPANY, LTD.

FOR BOSTON AND NEW YORK Via SUEZ.  
S.S. "CORBY CASTLE" ..... Sails on or about 19th June.

## LLOYD TRIESTINO

REGULAR MONTHLY PASSENGER AND FREIGHT SERVICE  
FOR BRINDISI, VENICE AND TRIESTE (FIUME).  
TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING TO  
GENOA, ALL ITALIAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANT, BLACK  
SEA AND DANUBE PORTS.  
REDUCED PASSAGE RATES.

BRINDISI, VENICE & TRIESTE ..... £72.10.0.  
LONDON ..... £80.0.0.

## NEXT SAILINGS.

OUTWARDS FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI.

From Hong Kong.  
M.V. "VIMINALE" ..... Sails on or about 23rd June.  
M.V. "REMO" ..... Sails on or about 21st July.

HOMEWARDS FOR BRINDISI, VENICE AND TRIESTE.

From Hong Kong.  
S.S. "VENEZIA" ..... Sails on or about 9th June.  
M.V. "ROMOLO" ..... Sails on or about 28th June.  
M.V. "VIMINALE" ..... Sails on or about 26th July.

## NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS

FROM CALCUTTA & COLOMBO TO  
SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

S.S. "UMSINGA" ..... Sails from Calcutta 3rd June.  
S.S. "UMVOLOSI" ..... Sails from Calcutta 30th June.

Regular Passenger and Cargo Service to South African Ports.  
Through Bills of Lading issued from Hong Kong.

For Freight or Passage on any of the above Lines apply to:—  
DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.  
Telephone Central 1030.

## N.Y.K. LINE

## SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

SAN FRANCISCO via Shanghai, Japan Ports & Honolulu.  
TENYO MARU ..... Monday, 13th June, at Noon.  
\* KOREA MARU (Calls Keelung) ..... Tuesday, 28th June, at 10 a.m.  
SHINYO MARU ..... Tues., 12th July.  
\* Calls Los Angeles.

LONDON via Singapore, Suez, Marseilles & Ports.  
HAKONE MARU ..... Saturday, 4th June, at 11 a.m.  
SUWA MARU ..... Saturday, 18th June, at 11 a.m.  
FUSHIMI MARU ..... Saturday, 2nd July, at 11 a.m.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.  
TANGE MARU ..... Wednesday, 22nd June, at 11 a.m.  
AKI MARU ..... Wednesday, 20th July, at 11 a.m.

BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.  
SADO MARU ..... Saturday, 11th June.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles,  
Mexico & Panama.  
BOKUYO MARU ..... Wednesday, 8th June, at Noon.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.  
KAWACHI MARU ..... Saturday, 9th July.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.  
ASUKA MARU ..... Monday, 13th June.  
TAKAOKA MARU ..... Wednesday, 29th June.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.  
DURBAN MARU ..... Thursday, 16th June.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.  
TOKUSHIMA MARU ..... Wednesday, 8th June.  
NAGANO MARU (Omika Calcutta) ..... Tuesday, 14th June.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.  
AKI MARU ..... Friday, 17th June.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.  
CHILI MARU ..... Sunday, 5th June.  
PENANG MARU (Moji direct) ..... Monday, 13th June.  
HAKUSAN MARU ..... Monday, 13th June.  
MATSUYE MARU ..... Friday, 17th June.

For further information apply to—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.  
Tel. Central No. 292 (Private exchange to 23 departments.)



LIGNES COMMERCIALES (Cargo Boats).  
Monthly Sailings direct to HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM, DUNKIRK—  
s/s "MIN" ..... 6th June.

s.s. "YANGTSE" due to arrive from DUNKIRK, LONDON,  
HAVRE about the 20th June.

## SERVICES CONTRACTUELS (Mail Service)

Steamers.	Sailings from Marseilles.	Arr. at Hong Kong & Sailings for Shanghai and Japan.	Sailings from Hong Kong for Marseilles.
D'ARTAGNAN	A	—	7th June
ANGERS	B	—	21st June
FORNIA	A	6th May	7th June
GHANA	A	20th May	21st June
PAUL LEVAT	A	3rd June	6th July
AMAZONE	B	17th June	19th July

## RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY TO MARSEILLES

(Including Table Wine and Free Doctor's Attendance).  
A Class, 1st Class ..... £90. 0s. 0d. B Class, 1st Class ..... £85. 0s. 0d.  
Steamers, 2nd ..... £70. 0s. 0d. Steamers, 2nd ..... £65. 0s. 0d.

Through Tickets to London and Landing Towns of Europe.

Accommodations reserved in the Trains at Marseilles.

(Sailings subject to alteration without notice).

For full Particulars, apply to:—

Cie. des MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Telephone: Central 740.

6, Des Vieux, Road Central. JOHN MANNERS & Co., Ltd.

CONSIGNATION TRANSIT REPRESENTATION.

## SHIPPING SECTION.

## MET TYPHOON.

STEAMERS' EXPERIENCES  
OUTSIDE.

## REPORTS AT HONG KONG.

The s.s. "West Islip," on arrival here from San Francisco and Manila, reports that two typhoons (?) were N.N.E. of Pratas and that one derelict junk was sighted on the voyage.

The "Toku Maru," which left Saigon on May 23 and only arrived here yesterday, reports laconically:—"Encountered typhoon."

The "Times Maru," which left Keelung on May 28, reports:—"At 8.10 a.m. on May 29, a dock apprentice was washed overboard by heavy waves and is missing."

## AMERICAN ORIENTAL MAIL LINE

Operated for  
U.S. Shipping Board  
by

## ADMIRAL ORIENTAL LINE

S.S. "WEST HIMROD"  
will sail on or about

JUNE 1st

for  
MANILA—ILOILO—CEBU.

ADMIRAL ORIENTAL LINE  
Hong Kong & Shanghai Dank Bldg.  
Tel. C.2477, C.2478 C.795.

## "KINSHAN" FIRING.

CHIEF OFFICER'S LUCKY  
ESCAPE.

## SHOT GRAZES PEAK OF CAP.

Further details have been received regarding the firing by peasants on the "Kinshan" on Monday as the Hong Kong and Macao Steamboat Company's steamer was passing up the Front Beach above Whampoa.

With the arrival in Hong Kong of the "Kinshan" yesterday afternoon it was learned that Chief Officer Stewart had a narrow escape from being shot. He was standing on the port side looking forward through the lowered windows of the forenoon when the shots were fired (from the port side and slightly before the beam).

## A Narrow Escape.

The first shot grazed the peak of Mr. Stewart's cap and expended itself in the framework of the wheelhouse screen whilst the second missed Capt. Bell Smith, who was standing to the right of the binnacle on the bridge, by inches, and buried itself in the frame of a window on the starboard side. Another passed through a porthole of the forenoon and was found imbedded in a clothing chest, the property of a seaman.

It is believed that the shots came from four or five men, probably peasants, gathered on the bank. These people, it is thought, may have been seeking revenge for possible damage to crops by the wash of the ship.

## THE NAVY'S HELP.

APPRECIATION BY O.S.K.  
MANAGER.

In connection with the drifting of the s.s. "Ganges Maru" near Pratas and the response by the British Navy to her signals of distress, it is understood that the Manager of the O.S.K. called on the Commodore yesterday and expressed his appreciation of the action taken by the Naval authorities in despatching Naval assistance to the distressed vessel.

## WARSHIPS IN PORT.

North Wall Basin, Marazion and Wivern; South Wall, Foxglove and Nessus; East Wall, Moth and Subs. L.15 and L.19; North Arm, Woolston; West Wall Dock, Titania; In Dock, Sterling; Taikoo Dock, Aphia; Kowloon Dock, Ladybird and Hermes; Buoy 2, Woolsey; Buoy 3, Dragon; Buoy 4, Dauntless; Buoy 6, Frohisher; Buoy 7, Delhi; Buoy 8, Danac; Buoy 11, Thracian; Buoy 18, Ruthenia; Buoy 23, Stormcloud; Buoy 25, Kharki; Buoy 2A H.S. Maine; Foreign Men-o-War in port: French, Vigilante; U.S.S. Pampana.

## AMERICAN AUSTRALIA ORIENT LINE.

Operated for  
U. S. Shipping Board  
By SWAYNE & HOYT, INC.  
FOR SAN FRANCISCO &  
LOS ANGELES.  
For full information apply to—  
SWAYNE & HOYT, INC.  
L. EVERETT, Inc.  
General Agents  
Telephone C. 3008  
1st Floor, Queen's Building.

## BANK LINE LTD.

AGENTS FOR

## ELLERMAN &amp; BUCKNALL S.S. CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION WITHOUT NOTICE.

UNITED KINGDOM & CONTINENT ..... ELLERMAN LINE  
S.S. "CITY OF PEKIN" ..... Marseilles, Havre, London & Hamburg ..... 5th June.  
S.S. "CITY OF TOKIO" ..... Havre, L'don, R'dam, H'burg ..... 13th July.  
S.S. "CITY OF GLASGOW" ..... Havre, L'don, R'dam, H'burg ..... 13th Aug.

## AUSTRALIA

Sailings from SINGAPORE on 7th of every month by "CITY OF PALERMO" or "CITY OF SPARTA" to Java, Fremantle, Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney and vice versa. Through Freight and Passenger bookings from Hong Kong in conjunction with "Ellerman" Line or other service.

## BOSTON, NEW YORK &amp; BALTIMORE...AMERICAN &amp; MANCHURIAN LINE

S.S. "CITY OF KOBE" ..... via Suez Canal ..... 13th June.  
S.S. "CITY OF CHESTER" ..... via Suez Canal ..... 17th July.  
S.S. "CITY OF BEDFORD" ..... via Suez Canal ..... 14th Aug.

ALSO AGENTS FOR

## ANDREW WEIR &amp; CO.

SERVICES TO

## BOSTON &amp; NEW YORK...AMERICAN &amp; ORIENTAL LINE

S.S. "COMERIC" ..... via Suez Canal ..... 25th July.  
MAURITIUS & SOUTH AFRICA ..... ORIENTAL AFRICAN LINE  
S.S. "TINHOU" ..... From Hong Kong ..... 25th July.

Loading for Mauritius, Delagoa Bay, Durban, East London, Algoa Bay, Port Elizabeth, Mossel Bay and Capetown.  
Through Bills of Lading issued to Beira, Quilimane, Ibo, Port Amelia, Mozambique, Chinde, Inhambane, Zanzibar, Mombasa, Kilindini, Port Nolloth, Luderitz Bay, Walvis Bay and Madagascar.

For freight or passage on any of the above lines apply to:—  
Telephone ..... Central 4791. THE BANK LINE, LTD.

SHIPBUILDERS,  
SHIP REPAIRERS,  
BOILER MAKERS,  
FORGE MASTERS,  
OXY-ACETYLENE, AND  
ELECTRIC WELDERS,  
MECHANICAL, AND  
ELECTRICAL  
ENGINEERS.

THE TAIKOO DOCKYARD & ENGINEERING COMPANY  
OF HONGKONG, LIMITED.

Length 787 Feet.  
Length on Blocks 750 Feet.  
Depth on Centre of  
SILL (H.W.O.S.T.) 34 ft. 6 ins.

—THREE SLIPWAYS—  
Capable of Handling Ships Up  
to 5,000 Tons Displacement.  
Electric Crane at Sea Wall, Capable of  
Lifting 100-Tons at 70 Feet Radius.

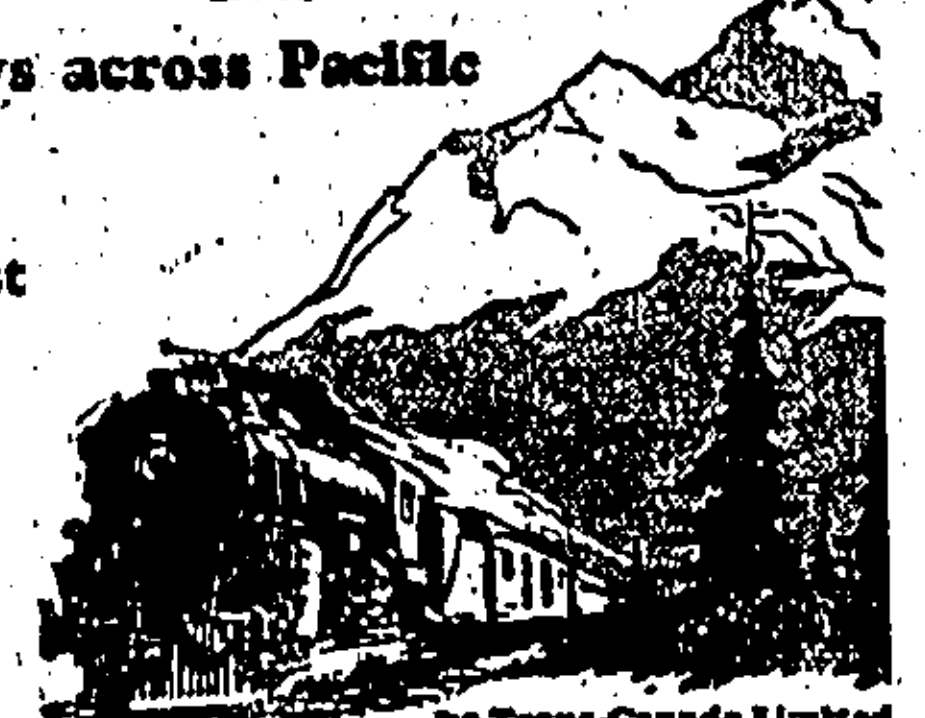
Tel. Address: "TAIKOO DOCK," HONGKONG.  
Telephone: Central No. 212.  
Call Flag: "C" over "ANS. PENNANT."

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
AGENTS.  
HONGKONG, CHINA & JAPAN.

When you go home—go by  
Canadian Pacific  
to Europe

Only 9 days across Pacific  
from Japan!

Shortest—Most  
interesting  
Way!



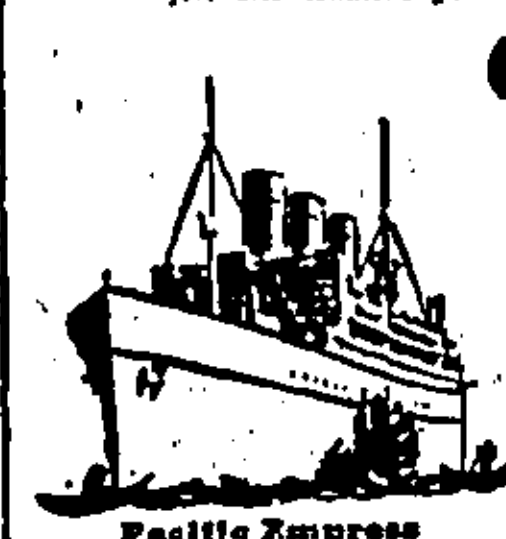
FAST travel time with cool comfort and variety of route will be invaluable to you or the members of your family on the return trip home. Empresses of the Pacific are largest and fastest. Canadian Pacific is the shortest rail route across Canada... through North America's "50 Switzerland in One." And, from Montreal or Quebec, the Empresses of the Atlantic and Cabin Class Ships sail one third the way to Europe on the sheltered St. Lawrence... with only about 4 days open sea. The splendid Empresses of the Pacific are typical of Canadian Pacific Railway and Atlantic Services... all one management. Each transfer means but a step from one to the other. Observation and observation-compartment cars on its great scenic rail route. Magnificent hotels too... if you can tarry, at Victoria and Vancouver, at mile-high Banff and Lake Louise, at Montreal and Quebec.

Empress of Canada — Empress of Asia — Empress of Russia  
... Sailing frequently from Manila, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama  
... to Vancouver via Victoria.

Let a Canadian Pacific agent... or representative, who will gladly call... tell you how attractive the through rates are... how comprehensive the services are in modern port and suburban passenger attention... how short and convenient the route.

## Canadian Pacific

The World's Greatest  
Travel System



## O. S. K.

SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP—Via Singapore, Colombo, Suez and Port Said.  
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.

ANDES MARU ..... Saturday, 4th June.  
SANTOS MARU ..... Friday, 10th June.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.  
BORNIO MARU ..... Friday, 3rd June.  
INDUS MARU ..... (Calling Penang) Monday, 20th June.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.  
PANAMA MARU ..... Thursday, 7th July.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.  
TACOMA MARU ..... Middle of June.  
BINGO MARU ..... Saturday, 25th June.

BANGKOK—Via Saigon.  
SEKKOW MARU ..... Middle of June.  
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.

PARIS MARU ..... (From Shanghai) Friday, 17th June.  
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.  
MENDO MARU ..... Tuesday, 7th June, 10 a.m.

TAIKWA MARU ..... Tuesday, 21st June, 10 a.m.  
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.  
FOR TIENTSIN VIA TSINGTAU

KINZAN MARU ..... End of May.  
HAMBURG MARU ..... (for Shanghai) Tuesday, 7th June.  
TIENTSIN & TSINGTAU

JAPAN PORTS  
SUMATRA MARU ..... Friday, 3rd June.  
SEATTLE MARU ..... Friday, 24th June.

KEELUNG Via SWATOW & AMOY.  
HOZAN MARU ..... Sunday, 5th June, 11 a.m.  
KAJO MARU ..... Sunday, 12th June, 11 a.m.

TAKAO Via SWATOW & AMOY.  
KOTSU MARU ..... Thursday, 2nd June, 10 a.m.  
TAKAO & KEELUNG

DAIREN—Via TAKAO  
NITTO MARU ..... Saturday, 4th June.

For further particulars please apply to:—OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.  
Tel. Central No. 4098, 4099. M. TAKEUCHI, Manager.

## CHINA BORNEO SHIPPING CO.

Hong Kong-Borneo Line.

## PROJECTED SAILINGS OF THE

## S.S. "FUH TAI"

HONG KONG	Departure	Sailed	29	5 a.m.
JESSELTON	Arrival	May	28	6 p.m.
JAMBONGAN	Departure	"	30	6 a.m.
	Arrival	"	31	6 a.m.
SANDAKAN	Departure	"	31	3 p.m.
	Arrival	June	1	5 p.m.
TAWAU	Departure	"	2	4 p.m.
	Arrival	"	3	5 a.m.
SEMPORNA	Departure	"	3	Noon
	Arrival	"	4	6 a.m.
LAHAD DATU	Departure	"	4	9 a.m.
	Arrival	"	5	5 a.m.
SANDAKAN	Departure	"	5	5 p.m.
	Arrival	"	13	Noon

Excellent accommodation for Saloon Passengers.  
Through Bills of Lading issued to other B.N. Borneo Ports.  
For Freight and passage apply to:—

W. WATT & COMPANY,  
Agents.  
27, Connaught Road West, Second Floor Phone C.4968.

## OREGON ORIENTAL LINE

Operated for  
UNITED STATES SHIPPING BOARD M.F.C.  
By COLUMBIA PACIFIC SHIPPING COMPANY.

FOR PORTLAND via KOBE & YOKOHAMA  
S.S. "LAS VEGAS" ..... 21st June

FOR MANILA, ILOILO & CEBU  
S.S. WEST NEMOTUM ..... 14th June.  
S.S. "WEST NIGER" ..... 28th June.

All sailings subject to change without notice.  
Through Bills of Lading issued to all rail Overland Points in the U.S.A., also to New Orleans, Savannah, Charleston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Boston, via Panama Intercoastal steamer.

ADDRESS:  
Room 26, Bank of Canton Building. Canton Agents:  
6, Des Vieux, Road Central. JOHN MANNERS & Co., Ltd.

Telephone: Central 4871.







## WATSON'S E WHISKY

Blended where it is distilled, and Bottled  
where it is blended—in SCOTLAND.

A Skilful blend of the finest  
matured Highland Whiskies. A  
happy result of long years of ex-  
perience in distilling and blending;  
with a fine flavour that cannot  
fail to assure appreciation from  
the most discriminating palate.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.  
Alexandra Building. Phone C. 616.

## THE ALEXANDRA CAFE

SPECIAL  
COLD TIFFIN  
PRICE 75 CENTS

## A KWAI & CO

SUCCESSORS

WING YUEN HONG  
15, Connaught Road Central, HONG KONG.

## "NAVAL CONTRACTORS"

Ship-Chandlers, Provision Merchants, Sail-Makers  
AND

GENERAL STOREKEEPERS.

Cable Add: "Winner" Telephone No. C. 5338.

## NAM WAH BRAND.

NEW SEASON GINGER.  
Well Preserved.

Colour and Mellowness Guaranteed.

Nam Wah Preserved Ginger Manufacturers  
Office

No. 52 Des Voeux Road C. Tel. C. 5689.

## HIGH CLASS PROVISIONS.

Let your phone do your Shopping. Such orders are executed promptly.

DELIVERIES TO PEAK  
AND OUTLYING DISTRICTS  
TWICE DAILY.

An inspection of our up-to-date Store will make you a Customer.

C.Y.C., AH LO & CO., LO KAM KAU (Ah Lo)

Stephen's Building. Supervisor.  
Pottinger Street, Ground Floor. Tel. No. C.5115.

PRICE LIST WILL BE FORWARDED ON APPLICATION.

## RECEIVED TO-DAY

Pearl Crepe

and

Border Striped Spun.

## PIONEER SILK STORE

V. RUPCHAND, Manager.

## FOR THE BEST SERVICE.

Whether it be developing your negatives,  
printing or enlarging—

AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHERS should go to

## LEE FONG.

No. 7, Wyndham St. Tel. C. 4028.

WE HAVE THE BIGGEST AND MOST UNIQUE  
COLLECTION OF LOCAL AND CHINESE SCENES.

Moderate rates, Punctuality and Excellent Quality.

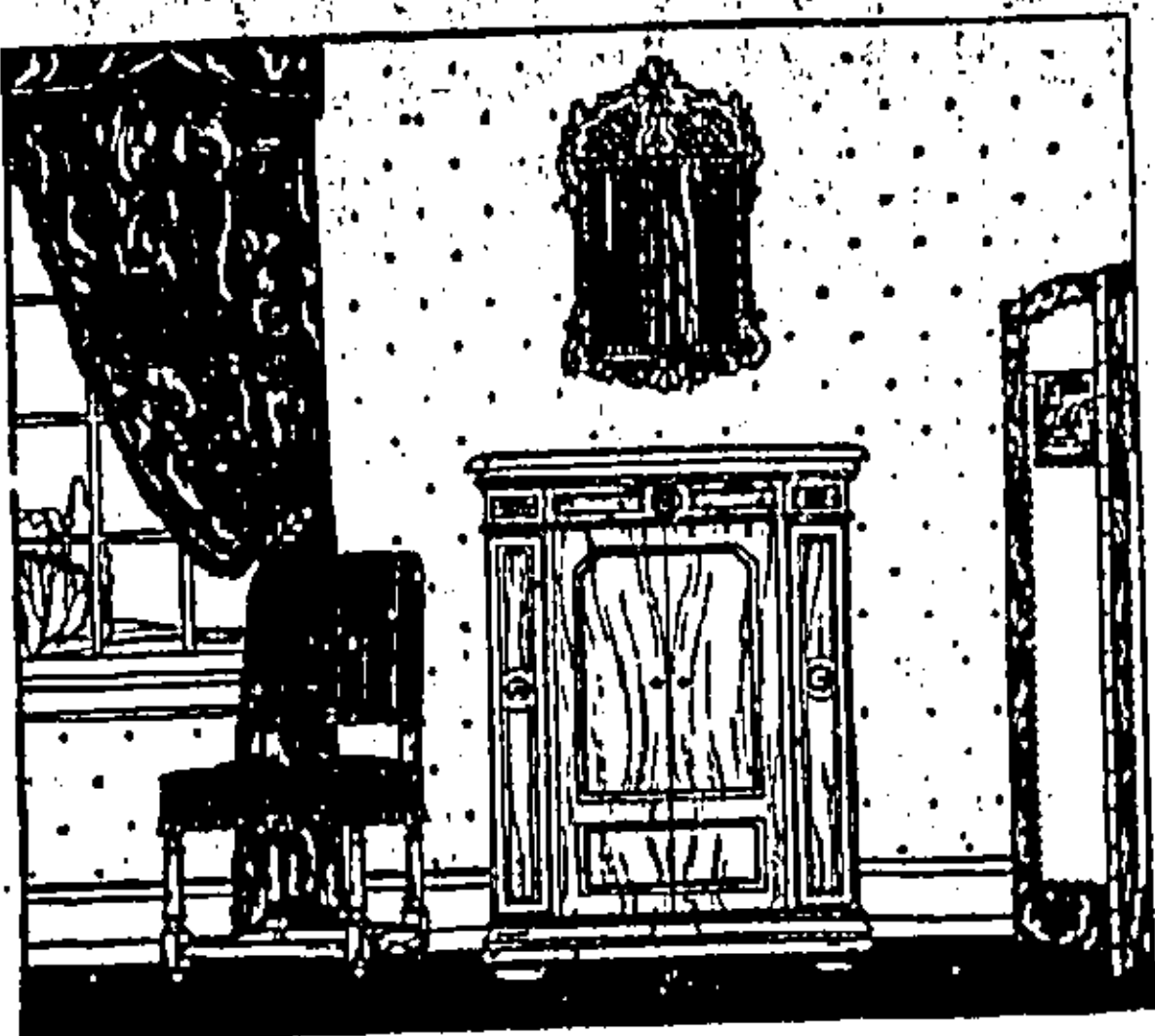
## CHI WAH

TAILORING.  
Once known as Chison.  
Perfect fit guaranteed.  
4, Wyndham Street.

## TANG YUK, DENTIST

Successor to  
the late SIEN TING.  
14, D'Aguiar Street.

TERMS VERY MODERATE.  
Consultation, Free. 7-10



The whole world of music  
... in one great instrument

THE new Orthophonic Victrola broadens the  
confines of your home to include the whole  
world of music—past and present—the latest  
and greatest music, marvelously reproduced!  
There are models and prices for every need.  
Come in and see them—soon!

S. MOUTRIE & CO., LTD.

Victor Distributors.

The New  
Orthophonic



# Victrola

## The China Mail

(Every evening except Sunday.  
Annual subscription, excluding  
postage abroad, H.K. \$36, payable  
in advance. Local delivery free.)

## Overland China Mail.

(The weekly edition of the "China  
Mail." Annual subscription, H.K.  
\$18 including postage \$16, payable  
in advance.)

Published by

The Newspaper Enterprise, Ltd.

Printers & Publishers

No. 5 WYNDHAM ST., HONGKONG

Telephone Central 22 & 4641.

Cable Address: — Mail, Hongkong.

All communications should be  
addressed to the Newspaper Enter-  
prise, Ltd., to whom all remittances  
should be made payable.

London Office:—The Far Eastern  
Advertising Agency (London),  
LTD., 36-38, Southampton Street,  
Strand, W.C.2.

Hong Kong, Wednesday, June 1, 1927.

## OUR POLICY PRAISED.

A refreshing change from the  
tendency of certain Chinese ele-  
ments to "down" everything  
British is the praise accorded to  
British policy by the Hon. Mr.  
Choo Kia-peng, the senior un-  
official member of the Federal  
Council in the F.M.S. Born in  
Taiping, Perak, and educated in  
Malaya Mr. Choo Kia-peng has  
for many years been a prominent  
member of the Selangor Chinese  
Chamber of Commerce and the  
Selangor Chinese Chamber of  
Mines. He has thus had practi-  
cal experience of the beneficent  
effects of British protection in  
an Oriental country, and is in  
a position to weigh up British  
policy in relation to Oriental  
peoples. He is but one example  
of countless Chinese whose suc-  
cessful career has been made  
possible through the instrumen-  
tality of wise and fair-minded  
laws.

"Britain," he says, "stands  
forward as the good Power, and  
her policy is calculated to serve  
the true interests of China.  
Nobody can doubt but that this  
policy will succeed. The Chinese  
in Malaya are happy, prosperous,  
and contented, and they have  
never wavered in their admira-  
tion for the administration of  
the country or their loyalty to  
the British Crown." Were a  
consensus of Chinese opinion to  
be taken amongst the Chinese in  
the Straits Settlements, British  
North Borneo, Australia, and  
other parts of the Empire where  
Chinese migrate Mr. Choo Kia-

peng's verdict would be thor-  
oughly endorsed. And they, too,  
would rejoice that the evil power  
of Bolshevism in China is wan-  
ing. There cannot be, so far as  
the Chinese are concerned, any  
choice between Bolshevism and  
British policy either in China  
itself or abroad. As the London  
"Times" states, the reasonableness  
of British policy in China  
and the excellent discipline of  
the British troops have clearly  
begun to impress the more in-  
dependent and responsible Na-  
tionalists, who are using their  
own eyes instead of looking at  
the world through glasses made in  
Moscow. Moreover, they have  
only to look at the record of the  
British in their relations with  
the Chinese in Malaya and else-  
where to come to the conclusion  
that Mr. Choo Kia-peng is not  
stretching his imagination in  
describing Great Britain as the  
"good Power." If the British  
have been engaged for decades in  
the peaceful penetration of China  
in the interests of their own com-  
merce, the Chinese themselves  
have also naturally benefited.  
There have been few "flies  
in the ointment" of mutual  
trading relations, and mis-  
understandings and miscon-  
ceptions were always easily  
dissipated up to the time of the  
insidious campaign of calumny  
and invective inaugurated by  
Moscow's minions. With the  
elimination of the Communist  
menace there is nothing to hinder  
an early restoration of the former  
happy relations that existed be-  
tween the British and the Chi-  
nese in every part of the great  
Chinese Republic. In China, as  
in Malaya, Great Britain will  
once again come to be regarded  
as the "good Power." And the  
nationals of both countries will  
be enabled to continue their com-  
mercial march step by step to  
the ultimate advantage of both.

## To-day's Great Race.

Although unable to see the  
event as it is run—the day of  
practical television not yet hav-  
ing arrived—Hong Kong, not  
less than every other part of the  
Empire, takes the greatest in-  
terest in to-day's great race.  
The Derby was first started as  
long ago as 1780. In the first  
race, which the Lord Derby of  
that day arranged, Sir Charles  
Bunbury won with his chestnut  
colt, Diomed. The first Royal  
victory was in 1788, when the

"First Gentleman in Europe"  
won with Sir Thomas. The race  
has been run in a hurricane  
which blew booths and tents  
over the course; it has been run,  
absit omen, after a snowstorm.  
In its first year the distance was  
only a mile, but the winning-post  
of 1780 stood where the winning-  
post stands to-day, and though  
we may wonder what the  
eighteenth century sportsmen  
would have thought of the  
crowds and the motor-cars of to-  
day, though London has so  
devoured the country that to go  
to the Derby by road is to drive  
through a continuous town,  
though the old humours of that  
journey have been destroyed by  
the speed of modern traffic, still  
the fair on the Hill is busily  
merry as it was when Frith  
painted his record of a Victorian  
Derby, and those who watch  
from the Grand Stand still look  
upon the same landscape of green  
down and woodland and distant  
spire as the sportsmen of 1780  
saw when they planned the race.  
Our British love of horse-  
racing is indeed much older than  
the Derby. King James I. had  
his jockeys and bought blood-  
stock. Mr. Pepys saw races on  
the downs above Epsom wells,  
and, like a good fellow, let his  
clerk go and see them when he  
could not get away himself.  
Charles II. took his Court to  
Newmarket, and the Rowley Mile  
—for he was called Old Rowley  
after his favourite hack—still  
preserves the memory of his love  
of the turf. Before his century  
was out all England had learnt  
the thrill of racing, and there  
were meetings all over the coun-  
try.

## ST. PETER'S CLUB.

RECENT MOVE TO NEW  
PREMISES.

## A FULL JUNE PROGRAMME.

The St. Peter's Young Men's  
Club, which has recently moved  
to No. 1, Oklands Path, has pre-  
pared an extensive programme  
for the summer months and  
several leading residents who  
have taken an interest in the work  
it is doing are assisting in the  
Club's development.

Sir Robert Ho Tung has given a  
substantial sum for the purchase  
of a billiard table which will be  
opened for use at the beginning  
of June, and the Hon. Dr. R. H.  
Kotewall (Patron of the Club)  
has intimated his intention of pre-  
siding at a Championship Cup for  
Billiards.

A silence and writing room is  
being fitted up at the new Club  
House for members who wish to  
have a quiet corner for thought  
and writing.

Socials are being run by Mrs.  
Griggs and Miss Mow Fung in  
conjunction with members of the  
R.A.M.C. at King's College Hos-  
pital, these being held on the first  
and third Mondays in the month.  
Launch picnics are being held  
every Saturday at 3.30 p.m. from  
Queen's Pier.

The Crescendo Orchestra meets  
every Thursday evening at the  
Club at 8.30 for weekly practice.  
Efforts are being made to ar-  
range outdoor cinema entertain-  
ments during the summer on the  
roof of the Club. A lantern lec-  
ture has already been promised by  
Dr. Osman on "Our Secret  
Enemies" to be held on Wednes-  
day, June 29 at 8.30 p.m.

On June 6 there is to be a Whit  
Monday service for Service men.  
On June 17 the annual meet-  
ing of members will take place at  
8.30 p.m.

On June 20 there is to be a  
social for service men and on  
June 24 a Whit Drive at 8.30  
p.m. at the Cathedral Hall.

## LOCAL WILL.

### DECEASED LADY RESIDENT'S ESTATE.

Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, solicitor,  
the attorney of Mr. E. F. Aucott,  
of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.,  
LTD., Shanghai, (sole executor) has  
been granted letters of administra-  
tion of the will of the late Mrs.  
Mary Alice Liddell Lammert, wife  
of Mr. G. P. Lammert of Hong  
Kong.

The estate in the Colony amounts  
to \$2,400.

A sum of \$1,000 is bequeathed to  
Mr. Aucott as a slight token of her  
appreciation of his having under-  
taken the executorship of the will  
and the guardianship of her infant  
children, Geoffrey Philip Lammert  
and Eileen Joyce Lammert.

The remainder of the estate is  
left to Phyllis Jean Mary Gray,  
George Edwin Lammert, otherwise  
known as E. G. Lammert, and to  
Geoffrey Philip Lammert and Eileen  
Joyce Lammert in equal shares.

Mr. G. C. Valpy, formerly of the  
Malayan Civil Service, has been ap-  
pointed Bursar to the King's School,  
Canterbury. He was at the King's  
School, 1904-08, and was Captain of  
the School, and Captain of Games,  
and a Classical Scholar of Christ's  
College, Cambridge.

## BONE BOILING.

### "OFFENSIVE TRADES" AREA RESTRICTION.

### SANITARY BOARD MEETING.

Arising out of an application for  
an "offensive trade" licence at 96  
Apia Street, Shamshui, the  
desirability of restricting such  
trades as bone storing and bone  
and soap boiling to particular areas  
was discussed at yesterday's meet-  
ing of the Sanitary Board.

The M.O.H., Dr. G. W. Pope, was  
of opinion that the application  
should be refused as "offensive  
trade" licences for the trade in  
question should, he thought, be con-  
fined to Tai Kok Tsui.

Mr. N. L. Smith, the Chairman,  
in supporting Dr. Pope, said that  
the Board had a right to determine  
the whole question as to areas in  
which offensive trade licences  
might be held and the M.O.H. had  
been asked to work out a definite  
scheme for such restriction.

After further discussion, it was  
decided to refuse the application on  
the understanding that if when the  
comprehensive scheme for the  
restriction of areas was prepared it  
was found that the present licence  
applied for would conform to it,  
the applicant would be given the  
opportunity of renewing it.

Those present at the meeting  
were Mr. N. L. Smith (Chairman),  
Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Wong Kwong-  
tin, Dr. S. C. Ho, Mr. J. P. Braga,  
Col. Boylan-Smith, Dr. G. W. Pope,  
Mr. O. H. J., Mr. H. T. Jackman,  
(acting D. P. W.) and Mr. D.  
Davies, (secretary).

## TWO BOYS.

### STOLEN IN HONG KONG FOR SALE.

### KIDNAPPER SENTENCED.

Seen leading two youths ashore at  
Macao from a Hong Kong junk, a  
Chinese aroused the suspicion of  
the police, and not being able to  
give a satisfactory account of him-  
self was arrested and sent back to  
Hong Kong.

There was a sequel in Major  
Willson's Court yesterday after-  
noon when the man was charged  
on two separate counts of kidnapp-  
ing, and on a further charge, of  
harbouring one of the boys.

The accused admitted kidnapping  
one of the youths, but denied the  
charge with regard to the others,  
who, he said, was an assistant in his  
uncle's tailoring shop and dis-  
appeared when sent out to take  
orders from customers. Speaking  
about this youth accused said he  
found him destitute sleeping in the  
streets. He took pity on him and  
shared his mat with the youth.  
They lived a hand to mouth exis-  
tence together getting odd jobs to  
do, and on two occasions they had  
to pawn some of the boy's clothing  
to raise money to buy food. Then  
a visitor from Macao offered to  
adopt the youth. He took the home-  
less boy to Macao because he wanted  
to do him a good turn.

According to the boy, whose  
parents lived in the country, he was  
sent to Hong Kong in the care of  
his tailor uncle to make a career  
for himself. While out canvassing  
orders for his uncle on May 8, he  
was accused by a man in Holly-  
wood Road. Representing himself  
to be a detective, accused searched  
the boy and then removed him to  
Yaumati by launch. After living  
some days in Yaumati he was  
beaten by accused to force him to  
agree to change his name and re-  
cognise accused as his father. When  
accused was satisfied the youth  
had learned his lessons, he  
took him to Macao in a junk.  
Accused was arrested by the police  
as soon as they landed in Macao.  
Major Willson convicted on all  
counts and sentenced accused to  
terms of imprisonment amounting  
to eight months' hard labour.

## DUG OUT.

### BURIED MEN RESCUED ALIVE.

A landslide occurred at Mong-  
kok yesterday afternoon at a  
spot where a gang of coolies was  
at work cutting the hillside. Two  
men were buried under the fallen  
earth. Thanks to the promptness  
with which the alarm was given,  
an engine from the Kowloon Fire  
Station was early on the scene  
and after five minutes of hard  
work the two buried men were  
dug out still alive. They were  
taken to the Kwong Wah Hos-  
pital where hopes are entertained  
for their recovery.

## SECOND BODY FOUND.

The body of a Chinese girl was  
recovered from the harbour near  
Cheung Chai yesterday. It bore  
marks of foul play and has been  
identified as one of the two boat  
girls who disappeared after their  
sampler was taken from the Ping  
On wharf to Yaumati Bay and  
looted. The body of the other  
girl was picked up last week near  
Green Island, with three stab  
wounds in the forehead. So far  
no clue has been found as to the  
identity of the murderer.

Mr. R. M. Dyer, chief manager of  
the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock  
Co. Ltd., proceeded on home leave  
to-day with Mrs. Dyer, sailing on  
the "Empress of Canada" via Van-  
couver.

## A CASE OF WHISKY.

### BROUGHT ASHORE WITHOUT PERMIT.

### A TECHNICAL OFFENCE.

Messrs. Swayne and Hoyt Inc.,  
were this morning summoned before  
Major Willson at the instance of  
the Import and Export Office for im-  
porting a case of whisky without  
an import permit.

Mr. L. E. Nantz, the Company's  
agent, admitted a technical offence,  
explaining that the whisky was de-  
clared in the ship's manifest.  
Usually all cargo arriving by the  
Company's ships was handled by  
the Hong Kong Tug and Lighter  
Company. In this case the whisky,  
which was of small value, was  
taken ashore in his launch, and  
through an oversight on the part of  
one of the Company's clerks, the  
permit was not taken out. The  
whisky was in fact intended for  
Bangkok, and was taken ashore to  
be transferred to another ship.  
The fact that they had applied for  
a permit to take the whisky showed  
that there was no intention to de-  
fraud with regard to the import  
duty.

While it was admitted that there  
was no attempt at malpractice with  
regard to the duty of \$12, it was  
pointed out on behalf of the Im-  
port and Export Office, that in the  
one mention of the whisky in the  
manifest of the s.s. "Pawlet," there  
was nothing to show the liquor was  
being brought ashore, and it having  
been landed without a permit there  
was no means of tracing its where-  
abouts here, and the whisky could  
have been substituted. The posi-  
tion was that the Import and Ex-  
port Office received an application  
for an export permit before they  
were aware of the whisky having  
been imported. The offence was  
recorded as a serious offence of  
Customs regulations not only in  
Hong Kong but all over the world.  
A fine of \$50 was imposed.

## WIFE'S CLAIMS.

### SEPARATION PROCEEDINGS OPENED.

Before Major Willson this  
morning, Mr. Horace Lo mention-  
ed a case in which Mrs. Hallima  
Hyder is summoning her hus-  
band, Mr. B. A. Hyder, under  
Ordinance No. 10 of 1906.

Mr. Lo said that his client was  
asking the Magistrate to make  
orders in her favour as follows:—  
(1) that the defendant having de-  
serted his wife she be no longer  
bound to co-habit with him; (2)  
that she be given custody of the  
two children of the marriage; and  
(3) that the defendant pay for  
her maintenance and costs.

The usher reported that both  
parties were not in Court.

Mr. Lo said Mrs. Hyder was re-  
presented, but he did not object  
to a week's adjournment to en-  
able Mr. Hyder to answer the  
summons, remarking that the  
case should not give much  
trouble as he thought the defend-  
ant would not contest the claim.  
An adjournment was given  
until 11.30 on June 8.

Mr. Lo: If defendant again  
fails to appear will your Worship  
be prepared to deal with the case?

Major Willson: Yes.

Mr. Lo: I don't think he will  
turn up.

## SEAMAN'S SERIOUS OFFENCE.

As the result of complaints made  
to the police by the Naval authori-  
ties, an unemployed seaman named  
Harry A. Schoonbeck was charged,  
before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kow-  
loon Magistrate's Court yesterday  
afternoon with keeping an illegal house  
at No. 179 Woosung Street and with  
living on the earnings of a Chinese  
girl who was jointly charged with  
him on the first count.

The police raided the house on  
May 14 and seized a book in which  
sums of money were entered, and a  
box bearing the names of four girls  
each of whom was allotted a  
separate compartment in the box.  
There was a fifth compartment  
marked "Beer."

A sailor deposed to frequenting  
the house while a soldier was also  
stated to have visited the place.  
Accused said the book represented  
the girls' budgets. He entered  
their expenses in it at their request.

Mr. Schofield convicted remark-  
ing that the offence was made  
more serious because the place was  
frequented by Service men.

Schoonbeck was sentenced to two  
months' jail and a fine of \$100 or  
an additional month on the charge  
of "keeping." Sentence of three  
months' hard labour was passed on  
the second count.

Finding that there was not suf-  
ficient evidence to show that she  
actually kept the house, the Magis-  
trate discharged the girl.

In the article on the improve-  
ments of Tai Wan Bay, published  
in the "China Mail" yesterday, a  
tentative scheme was outlined  
which it was stated had been pro-  
posed by Mr. H. S. Rouse, the en-  
gineer in charge of general works  
at the P.W.D. This is scarcely the  
position. No definite scheme has  
yet been formulated or plans decid-  
ed upon. The suggestions which  
we published merely represented  
the general lines on which the mat-  
ter is being considered by the office  
concerned.



# Building Supplement

Special Building Number showing facts of the leading Companies

CHINA MAIL, HONG KONG, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1927.

## LAST YEAR'S WORK.

### EXCAVATION, PILE DRIVING CO.

### DIVIDEND & STAFF BONUS.

### BIG RAYMOND SYSTEM BUILDINGS.

The sixth annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Excavation, Pile Driving and Construction Co., Ltd., was held at the registered offices of the company in Powell's Building, yesterday.

#### YEAR'S WORK SATISFACTORY.

Mr. B. Montague Ede was in the chair, and the following directors and shareholders were present:—Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotevall, C.M.G., Messrs. Charles L. Shank, Carl B. Shank, Chau Yue-teng, Li Yau-tsun, Chan Pek-chuen.

The notice convening the meeting having been read, the chairman addressed the meeting as follows:—

The result of the year's working, I am sure, you will agree is very gratifying in view of the unsettled trade conditions prevailing during the entire period under review. You will notice from the balance sheet that at the close of the preceding year ending March 31, 1926, \$306,453.78 was carried forward after a bonus to staff and dividend of 20 per cent. on the ordinary shares had been paid.

This year's work has proved satisfactory and your directors have decided to declare a 10 per cent. dividend on the ordinary shares.

At last year's general meeting, I pointed out that the large dividend recommended at that time was to be used in payment of a call of \$50 per share on the partly paid ordinary shares, which was necessary to meet obligations of the company.

#### Dividend & Prospects.

Your directors do not feel justified in recommending such a large dividend this year as the 10 per cent dividend recommended will deplete the company's cash reserve by a sum only slightly less than that caused by the higher dividend last year.

While the company, could, no doubt, pay a higher dividend at the present time, your directors do not feel this procedure is ad-

visable due to the difficulty of analysing future prospects on account of the unsettled conditions prevailing throughout the country.

The net working profit for the year has amounted to \$218,520.01. Of this profit, \$88,189.25 has been absorbed in providing for depreciation in the company's investments, plant, equipments and so forth, reserve for bad and doubtful debts and overhead charges, which leaves a net profit to the Profit and Loss Account of \$130,430.76.

#### Tribute to Staff.

Your directors have recommended a 12 per cent. bonus of the year's salary to all members of the permanent staff. On behalf of the directors, management and the shareholders, I wish to thank all members of the staff for their very diligent services and hard work which have brought about the excellent results obtained. Much closer application is required from members of our staff than from most companies, due to the fact that our work usually continues throughout the whole year, in many cases week ends and holidays being included, without any interruption except the Chinese New Year. It is these additional services by the staff which make for success, and which are especially appreciated by the company.

After a dividend of 10 per cent. and the bonus to staff are paid, there will be \$78,680.76 to be carried forward, which, when added to the profit brought forward last year, makes the total

sum carried forward this year amount to \$385,134.54.

#### Sassoon Building, Shanghai.

During the period under review, the company's piling operations under the Raymond system have continued to be satisfactory.

The most important piling project undertaken during the year was that in connection with the New Sassoon Building in Shanghai where sixteen hundred 62 feet composite Raymond piles were driven to support the structure. As this is to be one of the largest and heaviest buildings in Shanghai, the architects for the project gave much thought to the particular piling that should be used. After much consideration had been given to various piling systems, the Raymond pile was chosen as being the best pile to carry the enormous loads in question.

#### Cheaper Than Wood Piles.

The virtue of this system was so apparent to the architects that only ordinary preliminary tests were required, and now that the work is completed, the architects are more than ever convinced that they made the correct selection of piling for this exceptionally heavy structure. Incidentally, the total cost of the Raymond piling for this project proved to be considerably lower than the total cost of the increased number of wood piles that would have been necessary had wood piles been used.

Other piling contracts undertaken during the year have proved equally successful as our Shanghai operation and it is only to be

expected that the popularity of the Raymond system of piling throughout the Far East will steadily increase.

#### Kowloon Tong Burden.

In my speech of last year's annual meeting, I mentioned the burden under which the company was labouring in connection with the Kowloon Tong and New Territories Development Co., Ltd. This burden still exists notwithstanding the fact that the Kowloon Tong project is now recognised as being a successful undertaking. The Kowloon Tong Co. being a non-capital company has never had sufficient funds to carry the scheme ahead on the mass production basis originally planned. To add to this handicap, many of the subscribers for one reason or other, have not found it convenient to meet their calls on their houses as they become due, and there are instances where houses have been practically completed with a large proportion of the calls remaining unpaid. The Kowloon Tong Co. does not have the funds to carry on the work when calls are not paid, so the burden of financing the scheme has been thrown upon this company until the company's present commitments stand at a very high figure.

#### Noteworthy Feats.

Two other noteworthy projects completed by the company during the year were the Shamshui Military Camp and the Tung Shan Hotel.

The Shamshui Military Camp was a contract for the construction of 84 buildings to accom-

modate two battalions of troops. Only sixty days were allotted for the completion of this scheme. Notwithstanding the delay caused by inclement weather and the necessity of securing lumber for the scheme from Shanghai, all the work was completed in forty-five days from the date of signing the contract, fifteen days in advance of the time allotted by the Government for completion.

#### Company's Efficiency.

This is probably the largest construction project ever executed in this Colony in such a short period of time and it speaks well for the high efficiency of the company's organisation.

Early in March the company completed the Tung Shan Hotel which is an eight-storey reinforced concrete structure building faced with granite and Shanghai plaster.

Many other contracts have been undertaken by the company during the year, amongst which are the formation of twenty-one building sites on Inland Lot No. 2354, Stubbs Road, the Bowen Road rapid gravity filter beds.

#### New Contracts.

Since the close of our year, the company has been successful in securing several major contracts including the construction of the New Wong-wei-cheong nullah and also other contracts of smaller magnitude, which, if successfully carried out, should ensure another very favourable balance sheet at the close of our next fiscal period.

I think I have now touched all the points on which you require information and I now beg to

propose that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted and passed. When this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions from Shareholders to the best of my ability.

Mr. Chan Pek-chuen seconded, and there being no question, the motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

#### Other Business.

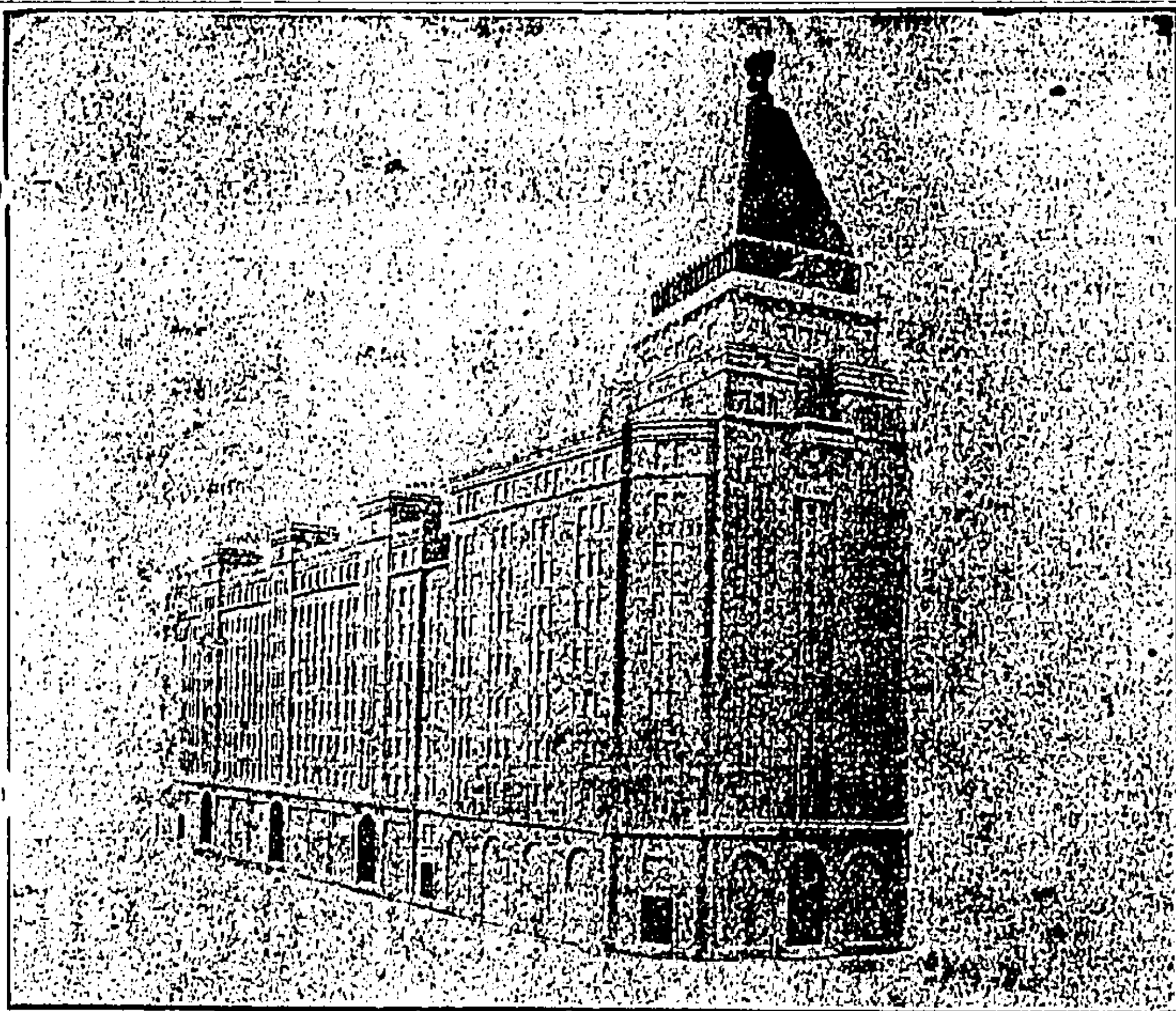
The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotevall moved that a dividend of 10 per cent. for the year ended March 31 (to be payable May 31, 1927) be declared. Mr. Chau Yue-teng seconded and the resolution was carried unanimously.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, all the directors retired and the following offered themselves for re-election:—Mr. B. Montague Ede, Mr. Charles L. Shank, Mr. Li Yau-tsun, Mr. Chan Pek-chuen, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotevall, Mr. Carl Shank and Mr. Chau Yue-teng. Mr. Chau Yue-teng proposed the re-election of the directors for a further period of one year. Mr. Charles L. Shank seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

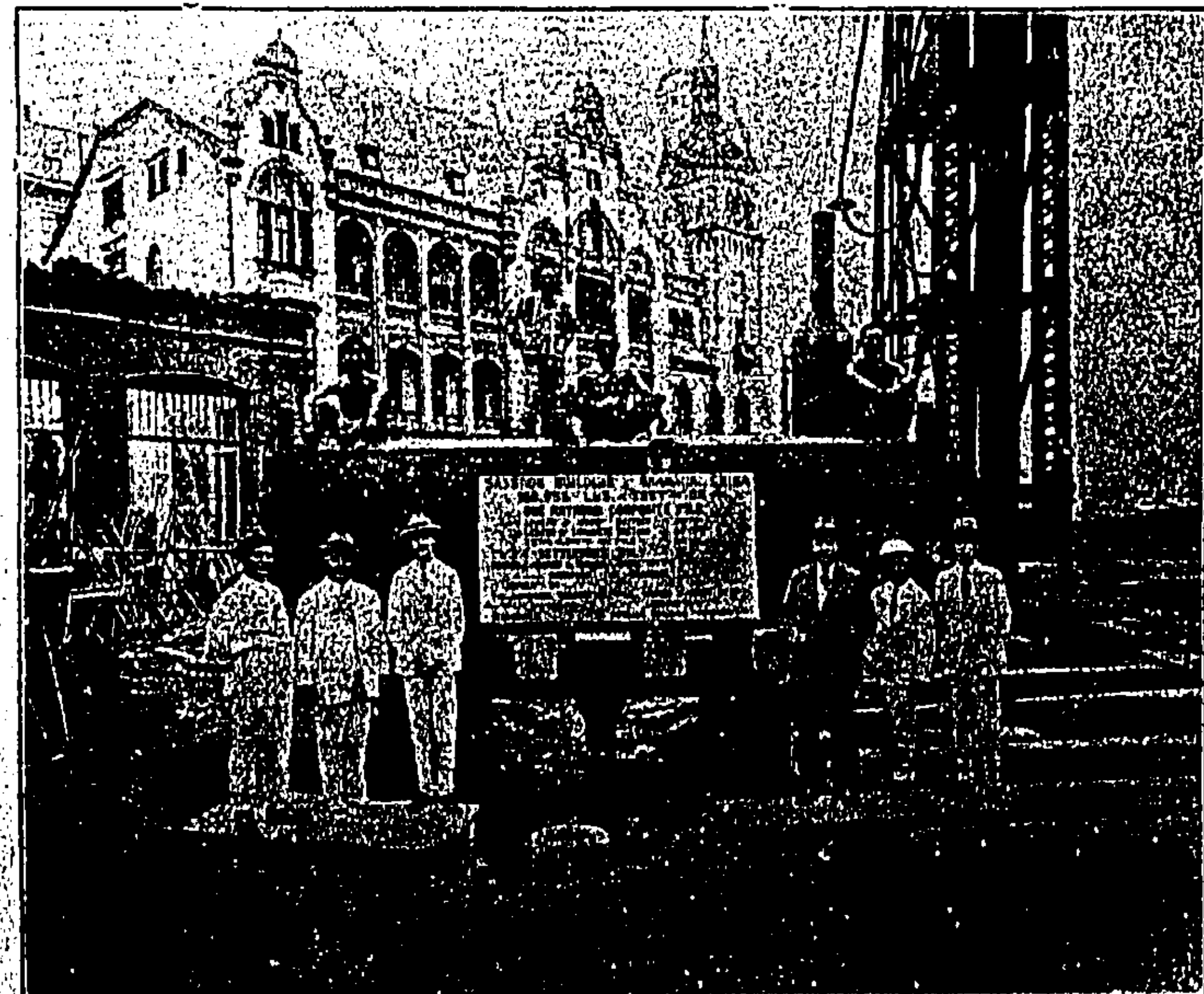
Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, Chartered Accountants, were re-elected auditors of the company, on the proposal of Mr. Carl B. Shank, seconded by Mr. Chau Yue-teng.

Mr. Charles L. Shank moved that 12 per cent. salaries be paid as bonus to the permanent staff. Mr. Chan Pek-chuen seconded and the resolution was carried unanimously.

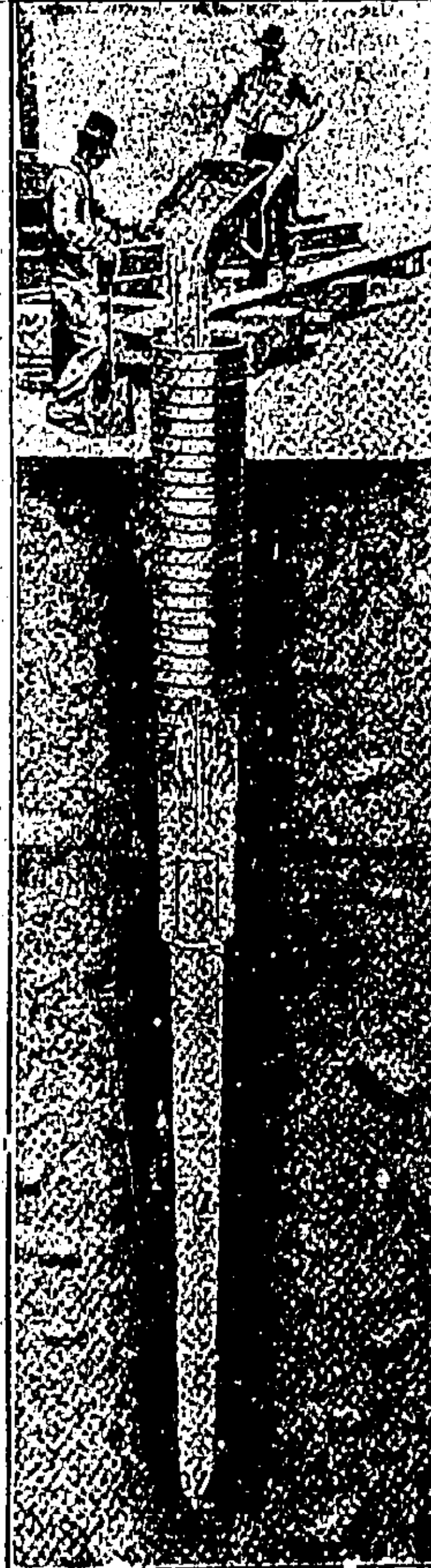
## RAYMOND CONCRETE PILES



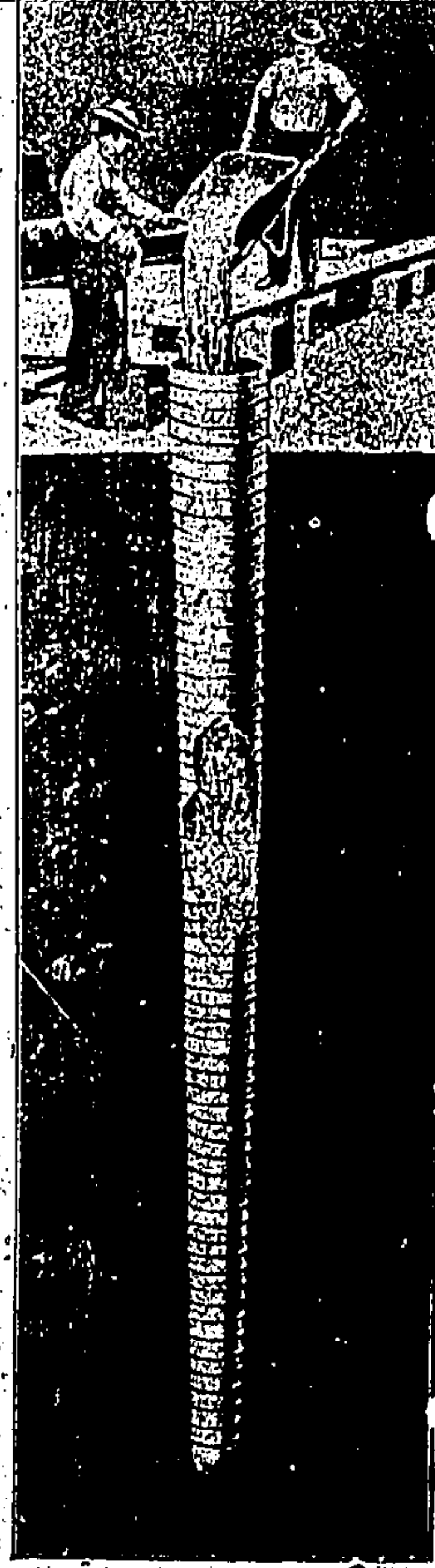
THE NEW SASSOON BUILDING-SHANGHAI  
SUPPORTED ON 1,600-62" RAYMOND COMPOSITE PILES.



108,955 LB. TEST LOAD ON ONE COMPOSITE PILE-SHANGHAI  
TOTAL SETTLEMENT ONLY 3/32"



RAYMOND  
COMPOSITE  
PILE.



RAYMOND  
STANDARD  
PILE.

#### RAYMOND PILE VERSUS WOOD PILES:

1600-62" Raymond Composite Piles replaced more than double the number of 60-0" wood piles that would have been required to carry the total load of the New Sassoon Building now under construction in Shanghai. This means that 1600-62" Raymond Composite Piles will support a greater working load than can be supported on double the number of 60-0" wood piles. And, surprising as it may seem, the cost of the Raymond Piles installed complete has proved to be considerably below the cost of the requisite number of wood piles for the job in question.

#### TEN POINTS OF SUPERIORITY OF RAYMOND CONCRETE PILES.

- Number 1. Steel shell, driven to refusal, is left undisturbed in the ground and maintains the compression of the soil which is to sustain the load.
- Number 2. The shell, left in the ground, and open to most rigid inspection, enables you to know that the concrete will not be mixed with mud or its strength lost through washing away of cement by ground water.
- Number 3. Varying stratas of earth and semi-plastic soil set up tremendous pressures which will seriously distort and may entirely shear off your pile if unprotected. The steel form, easily inspected, enables you to make sure that this has not happened.
- Number 4. The taper provides maximum economy and enables you to take full advantage of the bearing capacity of your soil.
- Number 5. SPEED. Our method of placing these piles and our equipment have been developed to obtain the maximum of efficiency and speed.
- Number 6. SUPERVISION. Every job, no matter how small, is in charge of a man who is not only a competent executive but a capable engineer who maintains at all times the high quality of our product.
- Number 7. SAFETY. Several hundred tests throughout the world made under varied conditions have demonstrated the ruggedness and dependability of this pile.
- Number 8. Every pile in driving is tested to one and one-half times its rated load by the Engineering News Formula, universally accepted by engineers and proven trustworthy by experience. The shell left in the ground maintains the compression of the soil and assures you that the completed pile will safely bear its load.
- Number 9. By means of the reinforced shell piles can be driven in much closer centres than ordinarily possible (usually 2'6" centre to centre).
- Number 10. The licensee's organisation concentrate on the speed with which they get on the job, the efficient, speedy and harmonious conduct of the job and the rapidity with which they clean up and get out of the way so the general contract work can proceed.

Licensees in China.

THE HONG KONG EXCAVATION, PILE  
DRIVING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

2nd Floor, Powell's Building.

Tel. C. 3749



THE  
GOLD  
MEDAL



ASBESTOS  
CEMENT  
ROOFING

OF INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION

**"ITALIT"**

Corrugated Cement Roofing

Also:—Flat Sheets and Tiles  
in Grey and Red.

STOCKS CARRIED:

**SHEWAN, TOMES & CO**

Sole Agents For

ETERNIT PIETRA ARTIFICIALE (LONDON) LTD.

SANITARY APPLIANCES,  
FLOOR & WALL TILES,  
BUILDERS' HARDWARE

SUPPLIED BY

**LEE YU KEE**

40, Queen's Road, Central.

NO CONTRACT TOO LARGE

NO CONTRACT TOO SMALL.

Your inspection cordially invited.

Estimates gladly furnished.

**TUNG LEE.**

BUILDING CONTRACTORS  
CARPENTERS, FURNITURE MAKERS  
AND PAINTERS, ETC.

No. 39, D'Aguilar Street,  
HONG KONG.

**WING YICK & CO.**

BUILDING CONTRACTOR.

25, Gage Street, Hong Kong.

Telephone C. 2269.

General Managers for

**THE SHAM MOW SAW MILL CO., LTD.**

Timber Merchants, Hunghom,

Telephone K. 309.

### "ITALIT"

IDEAL ROOFING FOR  
COLONY.

What is "Italit"? To Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co., the local agents, it is best known as "the Gold medal corrugated asbestos cement sheeting." To the thousands of users of "Italit" all over the world it is known as the ideal type of roofing for every climate. This is no exaggeration. Asbestos is rapidly gaining ground as the most reliable and most serviceable kind of roofing, and it will interest architects to know that a record is held for the number of contracts for "Italit" roofing. Amongst other contracts for the supply of "Italit" are the following:—

A. P. Co. Godowns.  
Peak Hotel Garage,  
P.W. Department.  
China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Godowns at West Point.  
Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Godowns.  
Anglo-French School, Causeway Bay.  
British General Hospital, Kowloon.  
Kam Hing Knitting Factory, Lee Gardens.  
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., Deep Water Bay.  
Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Netherlands Tennis Club, King's Park.  
China Light & Power Co. Macao Brick Works.  
Macao Electric Lighting Co., Ltd.

International Race & Recreation Club of Macao.  
Netherlands Harbour Works, Macao.

Green Island Cement Co., Macao.

H.K. & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Amoy.

Bathing Sheds at Castle Peak, Bungalows.

Kowloon-Canton Railway.

Club de Recreo, King's Park.

Y.M.C.A. Tennis Club, King's Park, as well as many others including the German and Nippon Club houses, King's Park, which are now under construction.

The high standard quality of "Italit" is well known to the Home Office, War Office, the Admiralty, the India Office, the Crown Agents for the Colonies, and is universally acknowledged.

It should be remembered that satisfactory roofing depends entirely upon the quality and suitability of the materials used and the standard of workmanship.

#### A-Test.

The following report from the Testing Works and Chemical Laboratories, Broadway House, Tothill Street, London, dated October 13, 1922, speaks for itself:—

"Eternit" Pietra Artificiale, Soc. Anon. Norfolk House, Laurence Pountney Hill, E.C.4.

Dear Sirs,

Tests of "Italit" Corrugated Asbestos Cement Sheets.

In accordance with your instructions of the 5th instant I have tested the sheets of "Italit" Corrugated Asbestos Cement under concentrated and distributed loads with the following results:—

Under Concentrated Load.

(1) At 45" centres, sheet supported on ordinary rafters 2" wide and the load applied centrally on a line 4" long through a wood block on the top of one of the ridges.

Load at which failure occurred . . . 425 lb.

(2) At 33-2/3" centres, loaded as above.

Load at which failure occurred . . . 625 lb.

(3) At 30" centres, loaded as above.

Load at which failure occurred . . . 676 lb.

Under Distributed Load.

(4) At 30" centres, the sheet supported as before but the load applied centrally over an area of 18" x 26".

Load at which failure occurred 2,550 lb. or 785 lb. per square foot.

The tests were carried out in a similar manner to those reported upon under date November 23, 1921.

Yours faithfully,  
R. H. HARRY STANGER.

The sheets constitute an immense improvement on any previous corrugated asbestos-cement production for the following reasons:—

"Italit" sheets are scientifically sound—having a 6-inch pitch and 1 1/4 inch depth of corrugation, which, moulded by an improved process with our newly invented machinery, enable them to offer fully double the resistance to transverse stress compared with the common types of corrugated asbestos sheets, which have sharp and shallow

### SANITARY FITTINGS.

CHINESE FIRM'S GOOD RECORD  
IN COLONY.

Situated at No. 40, Queen's Road Central is the firm of Lee Yu Kee, which undertakes all and anything connected with sanitary appliances, hardware, water piping, drainage piping, and tiling. The General Manager, Mr. Lee Yu-keung, is a graduate of Hong Kong University in civil engineering, and also took a course at the well known Cornell University, in America, in sanitary engineering. He has thus all the qualifications necessary for contracting for sanitary installations in public buildings, hotels, banks, and private residences.

Amongst recent contracts undertaken by this firm are the Tung Shan Hotel (the sanitary installation of which included 75 wash-hand basins and 2 water closets, also trezzo flooring and tiling) the Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels "Recess" bathroom fittings, the Banque de l'Indo-Chine (tiling and sanitary appliances); Queen's Theatre (sanitary appliances and tiling), Pedder Building (sanitary appliances and tiling), the Lee Theatre (sanitary installation and an extensive contract for tiling), the King Edward Hotel (hot water system) tiling for the Exchange Building and rain water pipes and drainage pipes for Kowloon Tong. Amongst many new contracts in hand now are sanitary installations for two new Chinese hotels in the Central District.

This firm, who are agents for the Henry Rickards Tile Company, Hanley Staffordshire, England, have a stock of all kinds of tiles on hand valued at nearly \$100,000. Applications for contracts are invited.

### FIRE PROTECTION.

BELL'S ASBESTOS  
BLANKETS.

Keep Bell's Asbestos Fire Blankets ready to save from destruction home, shop, store, factory, garage, motor car, cinema, theatre, hospital, church, school, billiard saloon or Club premises.

Everybody dreads fire, and everybody should get protection against it. Many a fire which has gutted a home, destroyed a huge factory or institution, ruined a business, or fatal results, could have been prevented if proper means had been available when the fire broke out.

The Bell's Asbestos Fire Blanket will give your home, or property under your charge, that ever-ready protection. This blanket is thick asbestos cloth one yard square. It smotheres a blaze instantly. If fire breaks out on a rug, chair, bed, table, switch-board or gas stove, or in a shop or factory; if a person or animal catches fire; if a motor car bursts into flame; then the Bell's Asbestos Blanket will smother the flames if they are not already too extensive.

The Bell's Asbestos Fire Blanket is ready for instant use, smothers the fire and extinguishes it instantly, does not deteriorate and will last for years, can be used again and again, cannot cause damage like water or chemicals, has no mechanism to be operated.

Bell's Asbestos Fire Blanket has been adopted by H. M. Government for the G.P.O. and the Royal Air Force, which is conclusive proof that it is efficient and meets the need for a safeguard always ready for instant use.

SHAKESPEARE MEMORIAL  
THEATRE.

Under plans just announced by Professor George Baker, of Yale University, America is to take a million-dollar (£200,000) share in the international movement to rebuild and endow the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon. In all \$500,000 will be raised, so it is stated, throughout the world, to complete the plans of the new theatre and its associated dramatic school, festival, company, museum, and library.

corrugations made by old methods. The depth of "Italit" corrugations is such as to run off rain-water much more readily than is possible with shallow sections.

"Italit" Corrugated Sheets are far more economical than corrugated galvanized iron and shallow corrugated asbestos sheets—being specially adapted for the roofing and walling of industrial buildings and others of large area, and of a permanent character, and, unlike metal sheets, they do not rust.

They are unaffected by fluctuations of temperature, moisture, sea, frost or acid fumes, and they prevent condensation.

### BOOTE'S TILES.

QUALITY AND WEARING  
CAPACITY.

Tiles are used for many purposes. Not only do they enter into the construction of churches, public buildings, theatres, Clubs, and residences, but their sanitary advantages cannot be over-estimated. For walls and floors of buildings they are specially adaptable. For, say, a dark passage, a lining of white or light coloured tiles is particularly desirable, and the beauties and conveniences of a nicely tiled hall floor are well known. T. and R. Boote, Ltd., Burslem, England, for whom the sole agents in Hong Kong are Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., make a speciality of ceramic mosaic pavements, and many large contracts at home and abroad can be quoted to show the great excellence in this line. Special designs or colourings can be supplied to suit any style of architecture.

Messrs. T. and R. Boote, Ltd., were awarded medals at the following exhibitions: London, 1881; London, 1882; Calcutta 1883; and Brussels, 1910.

It may be added that plain enamel tiles are now in great favour. Messrs. T. and R. Boote, Ltd., have gone to considerable expense and have procured the assistance of most of the cleverest pottery experts in bodies and glazes, in order to meet the demand for a good sound tile. Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., have fulfilled contracts for tiles to the following:—

Y.M.C.A., Kowloon.  
Peak Tramway.  
Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd.  
Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd.  
Quarry Bay School.  
Kowloon Bowling Club.  
and many others.

Shewan, Tomes & Co. were the successful tenderers for the supply of tiles at the Peninsula Hotel, but owing to the building being placed at the disposal of the troops, work on this has been necessarily delayed.

### TURFING.

THE BEST SEASON  
NOW.

Messrs. Yeung Fat and Company, of 21, Whitfield, Causeway Bay, informed our representative that now is the best season to have TURFING done. No doubt many of our readers have private tennis courts which need attention and we thoroughly recommend them going to this expert in turfing, who only employs experienced and skilled artisans.

Yeung Fat undertakes the turfing of Tennis Courts, Lawns, Bowling Greens and Golf Greens and he informs us that his prices are very reasonable, so Secretary's of Clubs would do well to get in touch with this Contractor.

Turfing is only one of this firm's lines they being quite large Mechanical and Structural Contractors as well as being Stonemasonry specialists. Yeung Fat informed our representative that to deal with his Company was the "Sure way to Economy."

### WING YICK & CO.

PROMINENT AMONG LOCAL  
CONTRACTORS.

Messrs. Wing Yick and Co., 25 Gage Street, occupy a prominent place amongst local building contractors. Amongst the buildings for which they have had the contract are Shek-O Club and bungalow, the Matilda Hospital, the Shamshui Police Station, Stephen's Building, the Asiatic Building, the "Morning Post" Building, and the pavilion and decorations on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, which was completed in two months and a half.

This is a very good record, reflecting the utmost credit on the firm of Wing Yick and Co., who are also General Managers for the Sham Mow Sawmill Co., Limited, timber merchants, Hunghom.

### TUNG LEE.

This is one of the oldest Chinese building contractors in the Colony. All kinds of contracting work is undertaken with a guarantee of efficient workmanship and moderate charges. Their address is 39, D'Aguilar Street.

**BOOTE'S TILES**  
USED ALL OVER THE WORLD

**FLOOR TILES-MOSAICS-FAIENCE**  
WALL TILING TO SUIT ALL TYPES OF  
BUILDINGS  
LEADLESS WHITE OF THE HIGHEST GRADE  
FIREPLACES NEAT DESIGNS & HARMONIOUS COLORS

SOLE AGENTS  
**SHEWAN TOMES & CO. HONG KONG.**

THE "OPEN DOOR" TO ECONOMY

**NOW** IS THE TIME TO LAY OUT YOUR  
TENNIS COURTS,  
LAWNS, BOWLING  
and GOLF GREENS.

IS  
THE BEST SEASON FOR **TURFING**

ALL WORKS GUARANTEED.

ONLY EXPERIENCED ARTISANS EMPLOYED

ADVICE AND ESTIMATES FREE

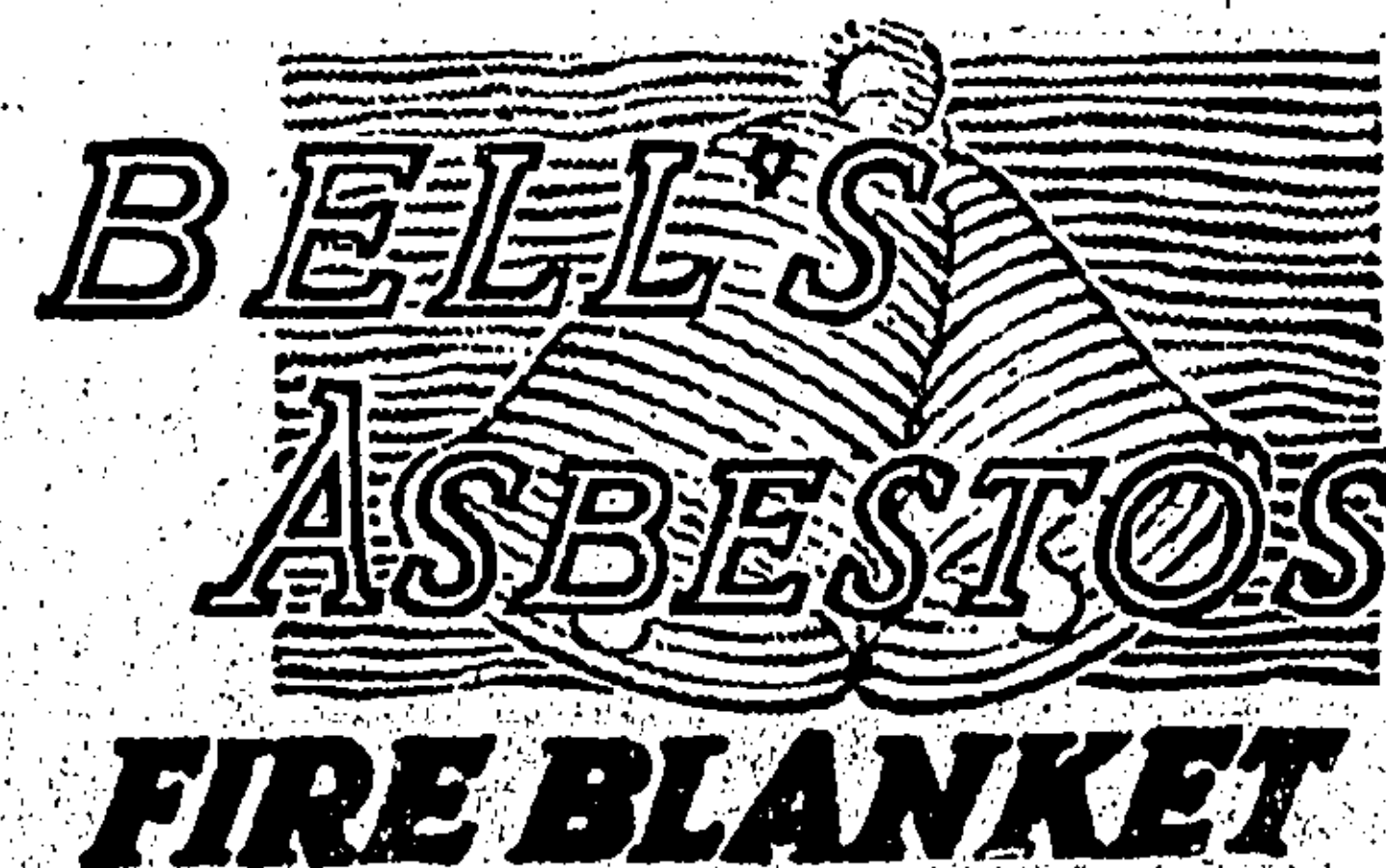
**Yeung Fat & Co.**

BUILDING, MECHANICAL & STRUCTURAL CONTRACTORS  
TURFING AND STONEMASONRY SPECIALISTS.

21, Whitfield, Causeway Bay. Tel. C. 3025

**THE RISK OF FIRE**

Protect yourself and your property  
with



This appliance smothers the Fire and  
extinguishes it instantly.

SAVES ITS COST ON FIRST USE.

**TWO PATTERNS:**

Household \$10 each.

Motor Car \$10 each.

The United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.  
2, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS.



## A MARBLE DREAM.

## THE BEAUTY AND PURITY OF THE TAJ MAHAL.

Agra is 843 miles by rail from Calcutta and 839 miles from Bombay. Shah Jahan was proclaimed Emperor at Agra in 1628. It is to his reign that most of the great architectural works in the Fort must be referred, though doubtless many of them had been commenced at an earlier date. The Moti Masjid, or "Pearl Mosque," the Jama Masjid, or "Great Mosque," and the Khas Mahal were all completed under this magnificent Emperor.

The Taj Mahal, generally accepted as the most exquisite piece of Mohammedan architecture in the world, commemorates his wife, Mumtaz Mahal. In 1658 Shah Jahan's third son, Aurangzeb, rebelled and deposed him, but the ex-Emperor was permitted to live in imperial state at Agra, though in confinement, until his death seven years later. British rule was set up in 1803, and remained undisturbed until the Mutiny in 1857. Since 1858 Agra has become for administrative purposes only, the headquarters of a division and a district.

But the ancient capital still maintains its natural supremacy as the finest city of Upper India, while the development of the railway system, of which it forms a great centre, is gradually restoring its commercial importance. The Taj Mahal, with its beautiful domes, "a dream in marble," rises on the river bank. It was created as a mausoleum for the remains of the wife of the Emperor Shah Jahan. She died in 1629, and the Taj, which was commenced soon after her death, was not completed until 1648. The materials are white marble from Makrana and red sandstone from Fatehpur-Sikri. The complexity of the design and the delicate intricacy of the workmanship baffle description.

Purity, Silence, and Calm.

The mausoleum stands on a raised marble platform, and at each of the corners rises a tall and slender minaret of graceful proportions and exquisite beauty. In the centre of the whole design the mausoleum occupies a square of 186 feet. The main feature of this central pile is the great dome, which is about two-thirds of a sphere and tapers at its extremity into a pointed spire, crowned by a crescent. The internal decorations consist of inlaid work in precious stones, such as agate and jasper.

In regard to colour and design, the interior of the Taj may rank first in the world for purely decorative workmanship, while the perfect symmetry of its exterior, and the aerial grace of its domes, rising like marble bubbles into the clear sky, can never be forgotten. The lower walls and panels are covered with tulips, oleanders, and full-blown lilies, in flat carving on white marble; and although the inlaid work of flowers, done in gems, is very brilliant when looked at closely, there is on the whole but little colour, and the all-prevailing sentiment is one of whiteness, silence, and calm.

## ALL STEEL HOUSE.

## FOR A SINKING GROUND.

Specialising in a particular design of all-steel house, William Beardmore and Co., Ltd., of Glasgow, have on hand an order which strikingly illustrates what can be done with this type of construction.

It is for a house to stand on ground subject to subsidence owing to shallow mine-workings beneath the surface. The ground in question is the only space available for this purpose, and the housing authority concerned looks upon it as certain that the level will alter after the house has been built.

The concrete pillars on which this steel house is normally mounted are being employed as usual, but interposed between them and the framework of the house is a sub-frame of steel girders. Should the ground carrying one or two of the pillars subside, in the first place the house is not entirely deprived of support on that spot; but what is more important, the whole structure may then be raised by means of jacks at that spot, so that the height of the pillar or pillars affected may be remade up to normal after which the house is again lowered on them.

## STADIUM AT BLACKPOOL.

The Blackpool Corporation has granted to Mr. C. B. Cochran a site of 700 feet square on which to erect a stadium capable of accommodating 100,000 people on the new promenade at South Shore.

## LOVELY HOMES.

## SOME RELICS OF 300 YEARS.

Many writers have noticed and commented on the fact that there is in no other language a word which means exactly what our word "home" means. The other languages have words which express a part, and sometimes a great part, of the meaning of our word, but there is always something lacking. And although one would hardly care to assert that the thing for which the word stands is the exclusive copyright of the British race, the fact remains that our nation has always cherished its homes with a peculiar tenderness, has made of them dear, intimate, and individual things, has sought to express itself and its secret dreams and happinesses in them to an extent no other nation with which I am acquainted can match, (says a writer in the "Daily Mail.")

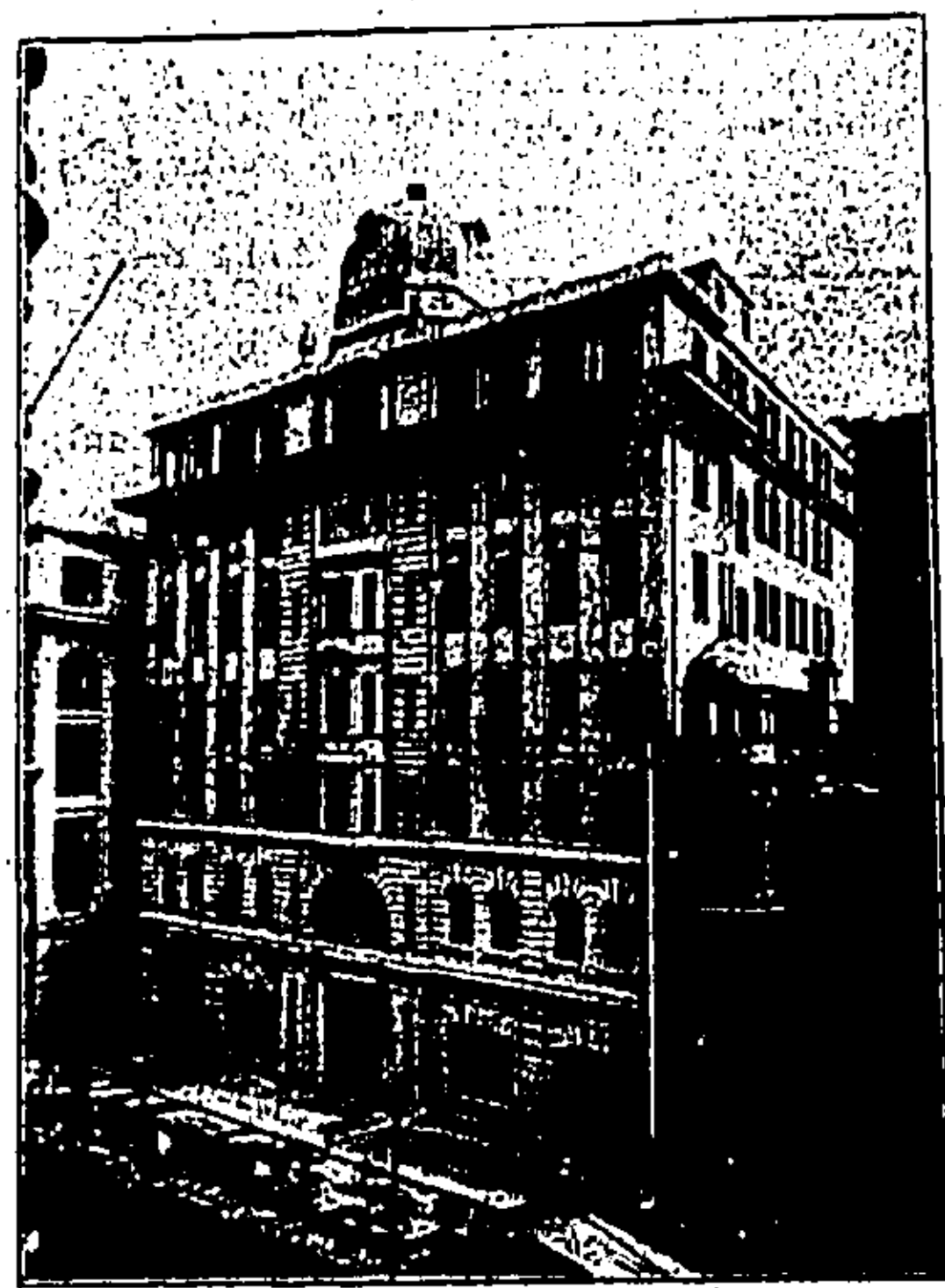
It is fitting, then, that there should be among the treasures of our infinitely varied London a place designed to make manifest and to praise the loveliness of the English home. That place exists, as so many of London's jewels exist, in a district where no un-instructed person would dream of looking for it. North from Shoreditch Church, which, in its turn, lies north of Liverpool Street Station, runs Kingsland

can find. Consequently they have contrived to have all their rooms panelled with the beautiful work in yellow pine with which the eighteenth century—criticising in advance our modern love of passionate wall-paper—covered the walls of its homes. They have rescued also fine staircases, stray bits of iron railings, sections of moulding from ceilings, and, in one case, an entire room of an eighteenth-century cottage which would be enough to make even a Communist cobbler sit down and thank God for the British Constitution and the long traditions of our land.

## Hints for Cabinet-Makers.

In so far as they make any visitor aware of and cause him to desire loveliness, all museums may, I suppose, be described as useful. But the Geffrye Museum—to which all are admitted without charge—has a more immediate usefulness. It stands in a district which is almost entirely inhabited by cabinet-makers, and it was cheering to learn, as I did from Mr. Hawkins, the curator, that the workers of the neighbourhood go there over and over again to look at all those splendid things, at those chairs and tables and bureaux and bookcases and bedsteads to gain from them some guidance, some inspiration for their own work.

It filled one with a hope for the future of furniture in England—and, seeing that so great a proportion of one's life is spent in intimate association with



Bank of Canton in Des Voeux Road.

Road. A little way up the road, on the right, there are gracious and homely buildings of mellow brickwork enclosing a space where tall trees reign. These are the Geffrye Almshouses established in the eighteenth century by Richard Geffrye, knight and alderman of the City, and in a part of the buildings the London County Council has found a home for what is inadequately described as a furniture museum. The explorer passes through dingy and dejected thoroughfares to a habitation of loveliness.

## Relics of 300 Years.

This is a place where wise lovers of London and of England have brought together a multitude of the things which make London not worshipping or marvellous or tremendous—but merely lovable. It is not concerned with celebrating any meretricious splendours of pomp and massive dignity. Proud London, which has been the chief market of the world, is not considered or remembered within these walls. The only concern is to display those things which Londoners have made during the past 300 years to honour and make beautiful their dwellings.

So there are, gathered here, all sorts of intimate, friendly things. You may find, for instance, in the first room you enter, a collection of those charmingly fantastic knockers which the people of the seventeenth century were accustomed to place on bedroom doors, together with a variety of those cheery conceits in wrought iron which they placed on the entrances to their homes to welcome the visitor who came to hammer on the door. Beyond these you pass to a long series of illustrations of household interiors as they were before furniture was made in bulk by machinery.

The people who work for the Geffrye Museum are very wise and watchful. They know when a venerable London house is about to be pulled down, and they go immediately to see what they

furniture, it does not seem out of place to hope, or even to pray, for better furniture than so much of the rubbish which, shaming all our great tradition, is turned out of the factories to-day.

## FORTHCOMING CANADIAN CONSTRUCTION.

Construction contracts awarded in all the cities, towns, villages and rural districts throughout Canada during February, according to figures compiled by MacLean Building Reports, Ltd., totalled 19,516,700 dollars (\$3,903,000), compared with 16,771,800 dollars (\$3,354,000) in January and 13,477,600 dollars (\$2,695,000) in February, 1926. The total for the first two months of 1927, 36,238,500 dollars (\$7,257,000), is an increase of 38.8 per cent. over the awards for the same period of 1926. This large increase so early in the year is attributable not only to the very favourable winter building season in some portions of the country, but also to the better tone for general business throughout the year. Contemplated new work, for which plans are being prepared has been reported in exceptionally large volume since the beginning of the year, the total for the year to date being 159,314,000 dollars (\$31,862,000). This is more than double the total for the first two months of 1926, and is indicative of a construction year well above the average.

## KWONG LOONG.

This firm has been established for over twenty years, and has executed some very important contracts. They were the building contractors for those houses situated at 88 to 132 Des Voeux Road, besides many others. The architects are Messrs. Hewitt and Shu. Inquiries are invited from those intending to build or renovate property anywhere in the Colony. Their address is 3 Gage Street (telephone C. 3806).

## KWONG LOONG

CONTRACTOR, CARPENTER AND BUILDER

WHITE WASH, &amp;c.

Phone C. 3806.

No. 3, Gage Street, Hong Kong.

## PIONEER FIRM.

## SPECIALISTS IN REINFORCED CONCRETE.

Considering the number and importance of reinforced concrete structures now existing in the Colony it is amazing to reflect that these represent the development of less than ten years.

It was only in the year 1918 that the first reinforced concrete building of any importance was commenced. This was the large Godown of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. Shortly afterwards (in 1920) was begun the Stephen's Building (until a few months ago the Headquarters of the Fire Brigade) which was the first building on reinforced concrete piles, and is admittedly one of the most economically designed and constructed office blocks in the Colony.

Although the principles and practice of reinforced concrete construction have been steadily gaining ground elsewhere for the past twenty-five years, the Civil Engineers responsible for the design and construction in Hong Kong of these first reinforced concrete structures, had to overcome a considerable amount of prejudice against the so-called "new fangled" ideas as well as indifference and apathy in various quarters from which every encouragement should have been forthcoming.

The advantages of reinforced concrete construction over steel frame construction may briefly be summarised as follows:—

- (a) A reinforced concrete structure is not only monolithic but possesses elastic properties which enable it to withstand earth tremors or other disturbances.
- (b) It is permanent, fireproof and weatherproof. (Intense heat tests carried out in the United States sometime ago recorded a resistance of eight hours for reinforced concrete columns as against only eleven to twenty-one minutes for steel columns under the same conditions).
- (c) The materials for concrete (cement, sand and broken stone) are all obtainable in the Colony, and stocks of steel bars for reinforcement being generally ample, work can be commenced without delay, but in the case of a steel frame building there is usually a waiting period of several months until the arrival of the steelwork from Europe or America.

It is not generally known that the staff of the Hong Kong Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd., (Mr. L. Gain, Civil Engineer, Ecole des Travaux Publics de Paris, and his assistants) can justly claim to be amongst the earliest pioneers of reinforced concrete construction in Hong Kong and South China.

In addition to the buildings already mentioned as having been erected from 1918 to 1920, Mr. Gain and his assistants have designed and carried out the following important works some entirely and others under the supervision of local firms of Architects:—

From 1921 to 1926.  
French Bridge at Shameen, with a single span arch of 120 feet.  
A reinforced concrete motor



Alexandra Building, at junction of Des Voeux Road and Chater Road.

lighter, 70 feet long (still in service in the Sunning district).  
Dairy Farm premises, Shamshau.

French Mission Properties in Canton—100 houses of 3 and 4 storeys with reinforced concrete frames and breeze concrete floors.

The foundations and structure of the Queen's Theatre with its 30 feet cantilever Dress Circle and its 50 feet roof trusses, the first of its kind in Hong Kong.

The modern Ice Factory & Cold Storage Bldg. at East Point of the Dairy Farm Company. The new offices of the "South China Morning Post" (reinforced concrete structure). The Rutten Building, Duddell Street (reinforced concrete structure).

Peninsula Hotel Foundations, etc.

Exchange Building (Foundations and structure).

French Mission Nursing Home, Causeway Bay.

The Lee Theatre, Wanchai, with all its overhanging balconies, heavy trusses over the stage and dome (80 ft. wide) over the auditorium.

The China Frovident 5-storey Godown at West Point, including foundations on Franki Piles, (built in 10 months actual working time.)

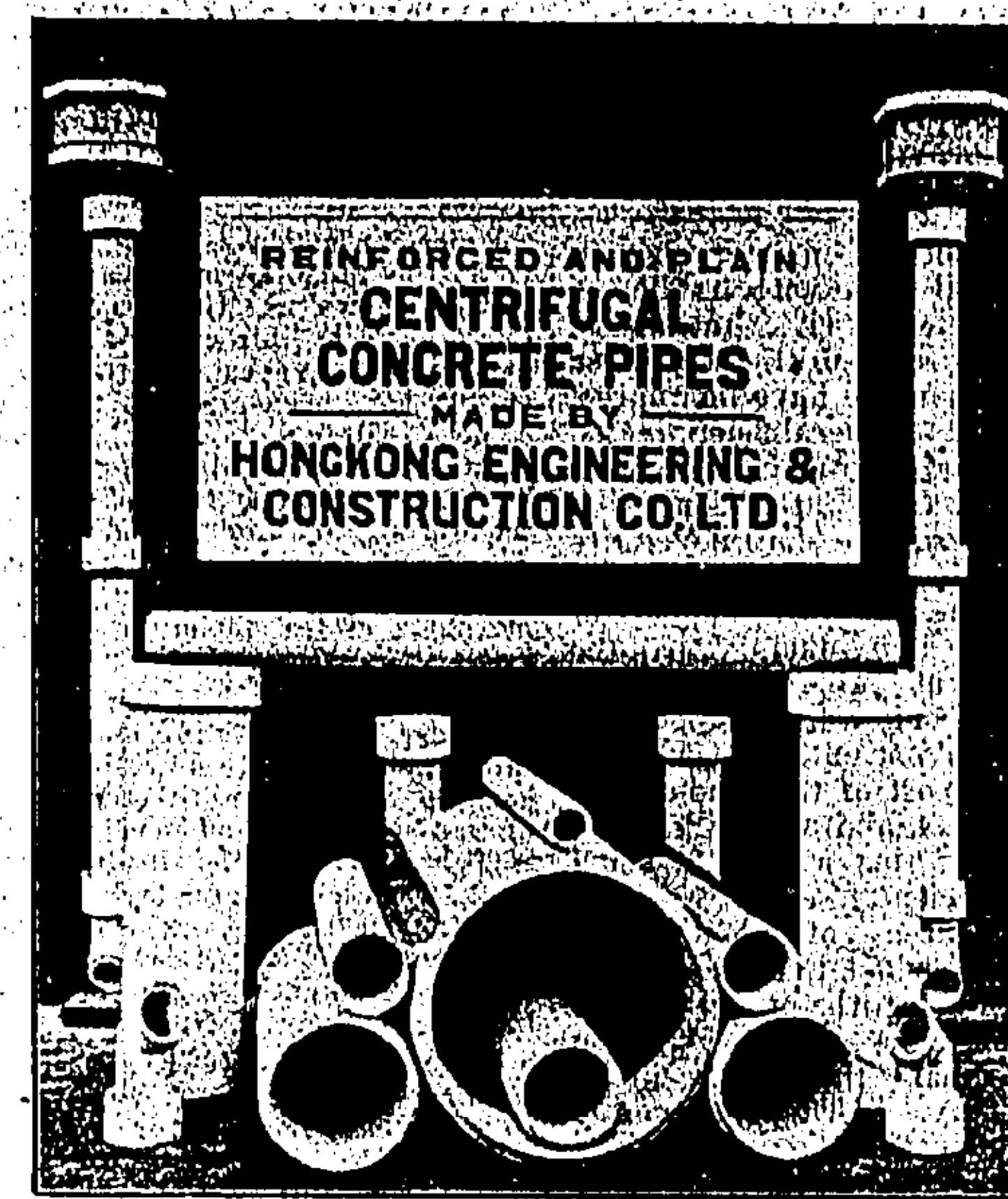
The Hong Kong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., (the original "Construction Company") is also the pioneer of cast-in-site foundation piling in this district, having in 1923 introduced the now well-known "Franki Patent Compressed Concrete Piling System" which was adopted after exhaustive tests for the foundations of the Peninsula Hotel.

Since then many foundation contracts have been carried out by this firm with unvarying success. They have recently completed in less than three months and in spite of the disturbances in Shanghai the foundations of what is to be Shanghai's tallest structure, the Arnold Apartment Building of thirteen storeys on a site in the French Concession.

This Company has also rendered a service to the Colony by introducing, last year, concrete drain pipes, culverts, etc. made by centrifugal process. As evidence of the extent to which these pipes have been taken up in other countries it may be mentioned that in Australia one order alone was placed for 210 miles of 4" diameter pipes!

Founded in 1922 the Hong Kong Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd., has, up to the present, had a somewhat peculiar history. One side of its business, i.e. that of reinforced concrete foundations and structures, has been consistently successful, but, embarking on certain road making and other works for the Government, the Company sustained severe losses from which it is only just beginning to recover.

In view of the possibility of more settled conditions in the near future it is to be hoped that this progressive Company, with its efficient organisation and modern methods, will again take a prominent part in the building operations of the Colony and South China generally.



## Hongkong Engineering &amp; Construction Co., Ltd.

St. George's Building,  
Chater Road,  
Hong Kong.

1st June, 1927.

To the Architects, Civil and Sanitary Engineers, and Public Authorities of Hong Kong. Gentlemen,

## Concrete Drain Pipes, Culverts &amp;c.

We feel sure you will be interested in our latest type of centrifugal concrete pipes, and therefore invite you to apply to us for sample pipes.

## CONTRACTORS

## FOR CIVIL

## ENGINEERING

## AND BUILDING

## WORK.

## SPECIALISTS

## IN

## REINFORCED

## CONCRETE

## FOUNDATIONS

## AND

## STRUCTURES

## FOR FACTORIES,

## GODOWNS, WHARVES, IN PRICE.

## BRIDGES, PIERS

## ETC.

## SOLE

## LICENSEES

## FOR

## HONGKONG

## AND CHINA

## OF THE

## "FRANKI"

## PATENT

## CONCRETE

## PILING

## SYSTEM.

## STEEL

## REINFORCEMENT

## DESIGNED

## AND PLACED

## UNDER

## EXPERT

## SUPERVISION.

There may be, however, clients who will prefer to continue using the untreated pipes, (of which we have supplied many thousands without a single complaint), in which case we shall be happy to meet their wishes.

As you are no doubt aware, centrifugal concrete pipes can be made with steel wire reinforcement to any required resistance, and we would particularly draw your attention to the economical advantages offered by the use of our larger diameter pipes (up to 39 inches) for storm-water and general drainage work.

Extremely strong, yet light and easy to handle, they render possible the construction of sewers and culverts by means of pre-cast elements of uniform dimensions and homogeneous composition which will answer to the highest conditions of quality and resistance at a cost below anything obtainable by other methods.

We carry stocks of all usual diameters from 3 inches to 24 inches, in standard lengths of 3'3". Special sizes and diameters up to 39 inches can be made at short notice.

We are, Gentlemen,  
Yours faithfully,  
(Signed) L. GAIN  
Manager.



## CIVIC UNTIDINESS.

## A "SLOPPINESS" IN DETAIL.

Yet another matter, which would seem to be with us always—our inveterate civic untidiness. We do not refer to the scavenger—but to that general "sloppiness" in civic detail, to which we never cease to call attention, and against which we shall never tire of protesting. We have had, and we welcome, the warm support of countless individuals in the architectural profession in our campaign, but we must confess that we are not entirely conscious of the support of the whole body of architects, and we are inclined to doubt if this matter is being taken sufficiently seriously.

Whole areas of London are being demolished, to remain in desolation for months at a time, and sometimes for years, with no effort to make the interim at all sightworthy. The romantic groups of scaffolding and derricks which mark some new building effort are defied by the irrelevant bill-poster, and long ungainly arms stretch over the village pavement from petrol pump to curb at every few yards. These are but a few of the signs of an untidiness which is as much mental as physical. How very much nearer we should be to civic order if every architect felt that his profession called upon him to make his protest against these things, and if every public body was aware that an entire learned profession rebuked them when they ignored the decencies.

We appeal to the whole body of architects to consider the many ways in which a united profession can act for its own good and for that of the country at large. It is a big matter to consider in every way, but all the more worthy of serious thought (says "The Builder.")

## RURAL BEAUTY.

## PREVENTING DISFIGUREMENT OF BUILDINGS.

A circular has been sent to local authorities by the British Ministry of Health with regard to the preservation of the beauty of the English countryside, and the operation of the Housing (Rural Workers) Act, 1926. It states that the Minister relies on local authorities to make such suitable arrangements in carrying out schemes under the Act as will prevent the disfigurement of buildings and will secure that so far as possible the special character, beauty, and fitness of these buildings for their surroundings will be maintained.

It will be realised (says the London "Daily Mail") that the beauty of the English countryside depends very largely on the general appropriateness of local materials and character of building generally found in the older buildings. The types of cottage vary very much in different localities, and go far to give a special character to each district. Consequently, the preservation or destruction of the amenity of the countryside depends not merely on the smaller number of cottages which have an exceptionally high degree of architectural merit or special antiquarian interest but on the larger number of country cottages of the average local type.

## BRICKLAYING RECORD.

William Mignes, of Wiskersley, near Rotherham, a foreman bricklayer, employed by a Sheffield firm, has established a world record, it is stated, by laying 1,121 bricks in an hour. The previous record was 879 laid by John Wood, of Scarborough. The bricks used by Mignes were old, and were a pound heavier and a quarter of an inch thicker than the ordinary new bricks. He kept six labourers working at top speed.

## MEDIEVAL CASTLE.

## MODERN HOUSE FOR A MILLIONAIRE.

American money is going to convert the fairytale medieval Leeds Castle, known as the Enchanted Castle of Kent, into one of the most modern residences of England. Orders have been given by the new owners, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Filmer, for the installation of steam heat, a hot water system, an electric light plant and 15 bathrooms, which will introduce a strangely luxurious note into the romantic atmosphere of the ancient walls and keeps.

There is also to be a new grand staircase, and the living and entertaining rooms are to be restored, in keeping with the architecture. All of that will cost somewhere near \$500,000. The castle itself, with its 3,100 acres of land, was bought for \$1,000,000. The new chateau, a daughter of Lord Queensborough, is a granddaughter of the late William C. Whitney of New York.

Leeds Castle for years has been the envy of Americans who motor from Dover to London, for it is visible from the Maidstone Road. It is so picturesque that it seems unreal, coming upon the beholder like a vision from the age of fabled romance.

It is built on two islands in the centre of a wide sheet of water. Originally it was a Saxon stronghold, and is believed to date from the ninth century, though portions of its buildings date from the thirteenth and later centuries. The buildings and the mainland are linked up by three bridges, each with a gateway and portcullis. These are to be preserved.

The history of the castle would fill volumes. In the eleventh century Edward I lived in it. Queen Isabella tried to enter it by force, and the bodies of her supporters who fell in that attack were found four years ago. Queen Philippa of Hainault and Queen Anne of Bohemia lived there and so did—in 1416—Emperor Sigismund, the "witch-queen" Joan of Navarre, and Anne Boleyn.

Later on, Queen Elizabeth, Charles II and more recently George III, all figured in its history. In the room of Queen Elizabeth the bed in which she slept has been preserved.

In the entrance tower of the castle is an old bell with St. George and the dragon emblazoned upon it. This bell is still used to toll the curfew in the village of Leeds—a custom which has been observed for centuries. One of the most interesting details is the barbacan, including a mill 650 years old.

## SUNLIGHT.

## THE HIGH COST OF GLASS.

The importance of sunlight, and more especially of the admission of ultra-violet rays through our windows and smoke fogs, is daily being insisted upon. The trouble at present is that the cost of glass that permits the passage of these rays is inordinately high and beyond the reach of the ordinary man, who has to pay more for his house already than he can afford. We hope that no effort will be spared in the attempt to reduce the cost of such glass as, under present conditions it is impossible to look for its general use in home, school, and factory. There appears to be little doubt (says a Home paper of April 22) that, with the elimination of smoke fog, and the common glass that intercepts ultra-violet light, we should enormously improve the public health and resistance to disease.

## BIRMINGHAM EXTENSIONS.

The Birmingham City Council has sanctioned the erection of a new central fire station on an island site at the junction of New Corporation Street and Aston Street, the cost of which, inclusive of demolishing the present buildings on the site, re-housing tenants and providing fresh offices for the Corporation Weights and Measures Department, will not exceed £200,000.

## EXCHANGE BUILDING.

## PREMISES WORTHY OF THE COLONY.

Of pleasing modern design, and incorporating all that is latest in the building art, "Exchange Building" is continually admired by strangers to the Colony. As local residents, of course, know, it is the home of the Stock Exchange, Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., the offices of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., and the Hong Kong Realty and Trust Company, Ltd., as well as affording office accommodation to professional men.

The building is six storeys high, with a basement and mezzanine floor. It has been constructed of reinforced concrete, the contract for the frame having been secured by the Hong Kong Engineering and Construction Company. In the basement first, the front portion is occupied by the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. This part of the basement is entered through the centre hall, which is an imposing affair in two shades of marble. The whole of the Stock Exchange has walls panelled in white Italian marble. The remaining portion of the basement is occupied by Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., for cold storage, groceries, ship chandlery, etc. The heating boilers are also installed in the basement.

The ground floor is occupied entirely by Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., as are also the mezzanine and first floors. A feature of the main windows is that they are of the island type, thus giving more window display than is to be found in any other building in Hong Kong.

They are modern in every respect, with bronze frames round the large plate glass windows. Although the frontage of the building is 92 feet, the actual running feet of display window is over 200 feet.

The mezzanine floor can be entered either from the central office entrance by a marble stairway or by two modern lifts which run from the ground floor to the top of the building.

On the second floor are located the offices of the Managing Director of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., together with office accommodation for the Secretary and Head Office staff. The Hong Kong Realty and Trust Company, Ltd., who were the architects as well as the owners of the building, also have their offices on this floor.

The three top floors have been designed in suites of offices, each complete with lavatories, etc., specially suitable for the use of professional men, such as doctors, dentists, lawyers, etc. The suites have been so arranged that they can be large or small to suit requirements.

that peculiar to Torphichen being the upper chambers, four in number, reached by a wheel stair. These buildings probably date from the beginning of the fifteenth century, but a small fragment is of the twelfth century.

## ANCIENT CHURCH.

## DATES FROM FIFTEENTH CENTURY.

The Scottish Ecclesiastical Society on April 23 visited Torphichen Church.

Mr. Thomas Ross gave a short description of the buildings. The church of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, he said, has been a building of considerable importance. The first idea of the visitor on approaching it is that it is an old baronial keep, with wide chimneys on the gables, and its weather-worn battlements and roofs still intact. The site of the surrounding churchyard, with its many quaint windows, traceried windows, and the Parish Church with its belfry, soon reveal the true character of the building, which shows the remains of a large Cross church, of which the north and south transepts and crossing, with the lofty central tower covered with a saddle-backed roof, still remain in a state of fair preservation. The Parish Church occupies the site of the ancient nave. Of the choir, part of the north wall remains, along with the east gable. The whole length of the fabric has been about 155 feet from east to west, the transepts being about 70 feet from north to south. In the centre compartment are finely moulded piers and arches for supporting the tower, rising to a height of about 30 feet; the tower itself being about 70 feet high, with the usual round aperture in the centre so invariably found in the vaults of all Scottish towers. The various features were fully described.

## MODERN HOMES.

## HANDSOME AUSTRALIAN RESIDENCE.

The "West Australian" (Perth) publishes a sketch of one of the better-class modern residences that have been erected in various parts of the city and suburbs. This one has just been completed at a cost of £2,800 for Mr. L. Butler, headmaster of the North Perth State School, and is situated at the corner of Quarry Road and Wingfield Avenue, off Mount's Bay Road, at Crawley. Overlooking the river at a high elevation, it is well set back from the street, and is lightly screened by small trees in a picturesquely terraced garden. The main entrance is from Wingfield Avenue through an interesting double arched porch, the floor of which is mosaic. This gives access to a large hall, leading to a passage, from which entrance may be obtained to all rooms without going through any other room. Another interesting feature is a massively colonnaded piazza facing the river. The house, which has a tiled roof, contains seven large rooms, comprising three bedrooms, a living room, dining room, kitchen, maid's room, and a sleeping-out apartment on the second floor, which is reached by a wide stairway.

From the woman's point of view, perhaps the kitchen and the bathroom are best. The kitchen walls are tiled to a height of 7 ft., and bordered with coloured tiles. Abundant cabinets are provided for kitchen utensils, and all are enclosed in cupboards. A cooler,

## BUILT BY WREN.

## CITY LIVERY CLUB'S NEW HOME.

The City Livery Club, whose members are drawn exclusively from the ancient City of London Guilds, has acquired the lease of part of the Chapter House of St. Paul's Cathedral. The house was built by Wren about 1712, at a cost of £5,000; to-day the building and site are estimated to be worth twenty times that amount. Formerly the clergy summoned to Convocation met and robed in the house and went across in procession to the Cathedral to attend a service in Latin before proceeding to Westminster. The building, says the "Times," has dignity and simplicity. The ground floor has a large square panelled entrance hall, paved with plain white marble slabs. There are deep-set doors and windows in the thickness of its walls. A fine old table in the hall is as old as the house and is reputed to have been constructed from timber saved from old St. Paul's after the Great Fire. On the right of the hall is the apartment now used by the bank. A wide shallow staircase has beautiful wrought-iron supports to the handrails. The chapter room is on the first floor, looking out to the Cathedral, and is remarkable for its dark old wainscotted and panelled walls. On the second floor is a spacious room with white panelled walls and deep windows, and a series of smaller rooms all possessing the panelling and features of the Queen Anne period. In 1865 extensive alterations were made to adapt the house as a residence for the Archdeacon of London, and from that date until 1920 it was in the occupation of successive holders of that office.

## ROYAL CHAPEL AT WINDSOR.

Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy asked the First Commissioner of Works in the House of Commons on April 20 if he would state who was responsible for the heraldic advice given when the Royal Chapel at Windsor was restored; if he was aware that the yale which figured in the heraldic decorations was now represented with both its horns sloping the same way, whereas the ancient design was for one horn to point forward and one horn to point backwards; and whether, in the interests of heraldic accuracy, he would take further advice with a view to the necessary alterations being made.

Captain King, who replied, said that the Chapel was under the jurisdiction of the Dean of Windsor, and the First Commissioner was, therefore, unable to take any action in the matter.

## HOUSES FOR DISABLED MEN.

The British Legion are about to start upon a scheme for erecting houses in various parts of England and Wales to be occupied by disabled and ex-Service men. Already a substantial sum of money has been allotted for this purpose. The country has been divided into 11 areas for administration, and the houses will be erected in groups according to local needs. The whole of the organisation of the scheme is being carried out by the headquarters of the British Legion, and the architects are Messrs. Thomas & Wood, who were formerly Housing Commissioners of the Ministry of Health. Sites are now being acquired, according to the "Times," and a start will be made as soon as possible. It is hoped that a number of houses will be completed and let at a very low rent before October 1, and the remainder will be erected without delay after that date.

## REMAINS OF EARLY LONDON.

The committee in charge of the Museum of the Corporation of London (Guildhall Museum) have recently started a scheme for the effective survey of the ancient structural remains of early London as they are revealed by modern building operations. The Councils of the Society of Antiquaries and the Royal Institute of British Architects, together with the authorities of the British Museum and the London Museum, have all readily given their support to the project, and already the work is taking definite shape. Briefly the scheme is to record on a large-scale map of the City of London the details and measurements of all authenticated discoveries as they occur before the requirements of modern building improvements obliterate these relics of the past. It is hoped, too, that in time it will be possible to transfer to this plan the vast amount of valuable information on this subject scattered (and often forgotten) in the various archaeological publications of the last fifty years. The plan will become in time the most valuable storehouse for knowledge of the site of Roman London.

## SIR T. DUNCAN RHIND.

## DEATH OF A FORMER ARCHITECT.

The death occurred at Brighton on April 24 of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Thomas Duncan Rhind, A.R.I.B.A., who was for many years an architect in Edinburgh. He had been ill for some time. A son of the late Mr. John Rhind, A.R.S.A., sculptor, he was born at Edinburgh in 1871. He served his apprenticeship as an architect in the office of the late Mr. Hippolyte J. Blanc, R.S.A., and was afterwards for a time in a London office. On returning to Edinburgh he became a partner of the firm of Messrs. Paterson and Rhind, and after the death of Mr. Paterson he carried on business on his own account. He exhibited architectural work at the Mound for several years. In the competition for the last International Exhibition buildings in Edinburgh his design was placed second. One of his chief domestic works is the boldly designed Ivanhoe Hotel, Bloomsbury Street, London. He was also an etcher of repute, and in an emergency took charge for a session of the etching class at the Edinburgh College of Art.

## L. C. C.

## INQUIRY INTO BUILDING ACTS.

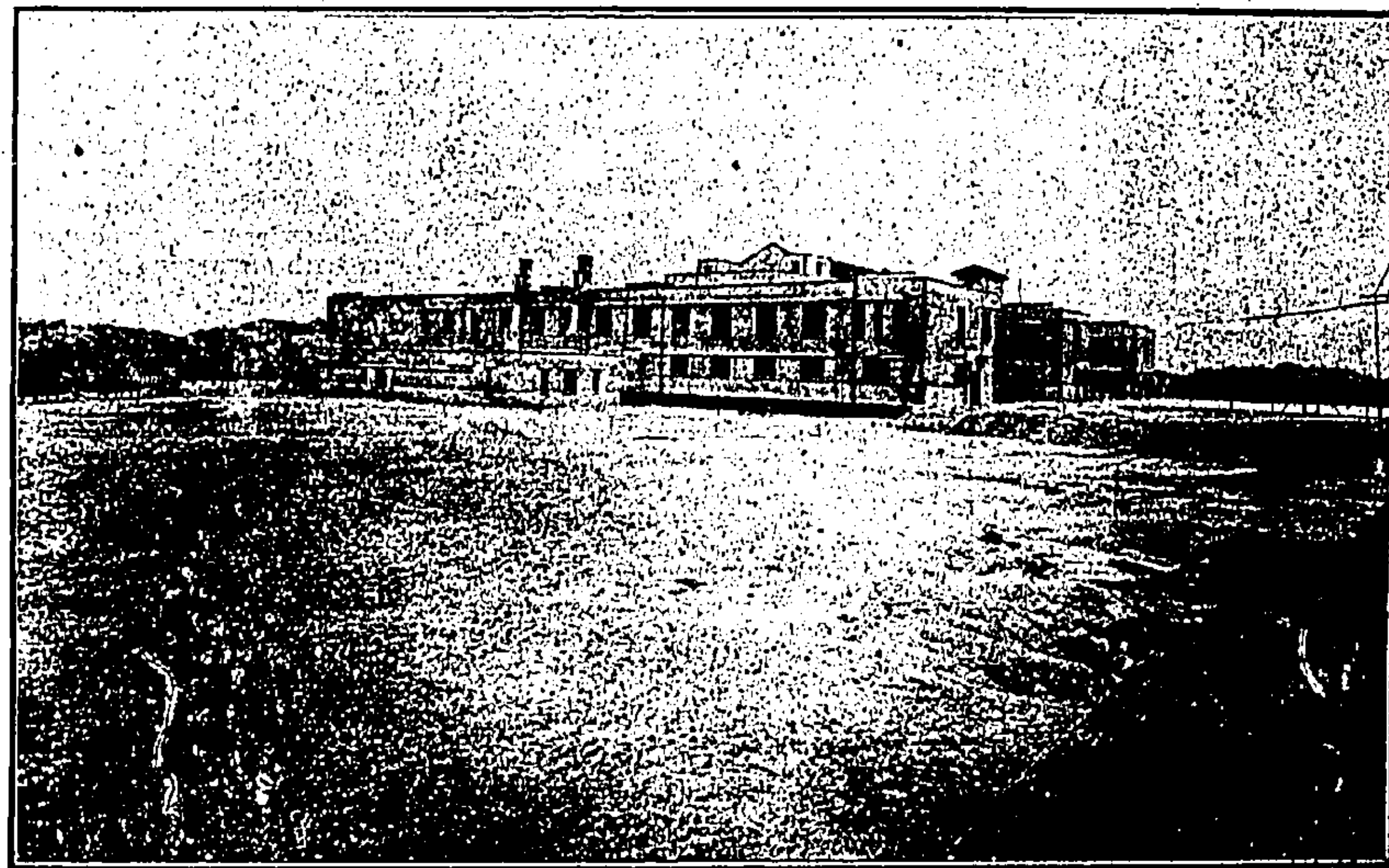
The London County Council at a recent meeting dealt in detail with certain estimates which had already been approved in bulk. The principal capital requirements submitted had reference to improvements, main drainage, and mental hospitals. The estimate of the improvements Committee (£1,050,000) included £100,000 for the reconstruction of Waterloo Bridge and £100,000 for Lambeth Bridge. Mr. E. G. Culpin moved an amendment asking the Council to vote £100 for an inquiry into the London Building Acts and the position of district surveyors. He said the consolidation of the London Building Acts was necessary. It was difficult for builders and architects to find out what was expected of them, while the Building Acts Committee itself found questions which were raised very difficult to decide. The office of district surveyor was an anachronism. It was paid by fees, and in one case a district surveyor over a term of years obtained an average yearly income of over £5,000. District surveyors should be under control of the Council, and should be paid salaries. Mr. W. Ray, while expressing sympathy with the objects of the amendment, said the time was not opportune for such an inquiry. The Council rejected the amendment. Mr. C. A. G. Manning asked for an allocation of £500 for the promotion of legislation to prevent the London squares from being built upon. He said successive Councils had been deeply interested in the matter, and an Act was secured which protected many squares. That Act did not go far enough. The time had now come when all the squares should be protected.

Mr. Ray replied that a resolution would be placed on the next agenda of the Council asking the Government to set up an inquiry in order to secure that information not in the possession of the Council should be obtained.

Mr. Herbert Morrison said the Council had already spent three years on inquiry, and the fact was well known. Mr. John Scurr had drafted a Bill which provided that the squares should not be built upon.

Mr. Manning declined to withdraw the amendment, which was lost on a division.

Sir Percy Simmons informed Mr. J. D. Gilbert that tenders in connection with the works on the Lambeth Bridge approach had been invited, and were due. He also said that two blocks of land, having an area of about 79,000 ft., at Kingsway and Aldwych, had been available for building for about 20 years. The Council's yearly rent roll from sites already let on the area of the improvement was about £105,000. Arrangements for letting a site for offices for the Indian Government had been completed, and the Committee had other negotiations in hand.



Diocesan Boys' School, Kowloon—now used as a Military Hospital.

## BUILT IN 1432.

## A DISCOVERY AT COBHAM.

An interesting discovery, says the "Morning Post," has been made by Major Benton Fletcher, of World's End, Cobham, at The Cedar House, close by the Old Mill at Cobham. This is a fifteenth-century hall, dated A.D. 1432, the same date as that of Church Stile House, near the Parish Church. Until recently it had a kitchen, larder, and pantry built inside it. When Major Fletcher bought the premises a brick wall ran across the centre of the hall, but this has now been taken down. The oak ceiling and original beams are still there, whilst across the roof are curved oak collars. There is also a beam of 20 feet, all one piece, across the tie. In another room is an old kitchen with an ancient open fireplace, across which is a spit and an ancient open fireplace, across which is a spit and an 8 feet wide chimney breast. The house is shaped like the letter H, with two wings, one of which is a new one, and built as nearly as possible on the old foundations. Outside is a real Gothic doorway, and the entrance gate from the roadway was taken from a house in Kent belonging to Richard Brinsley Sheridan, the famous author and dramatist.

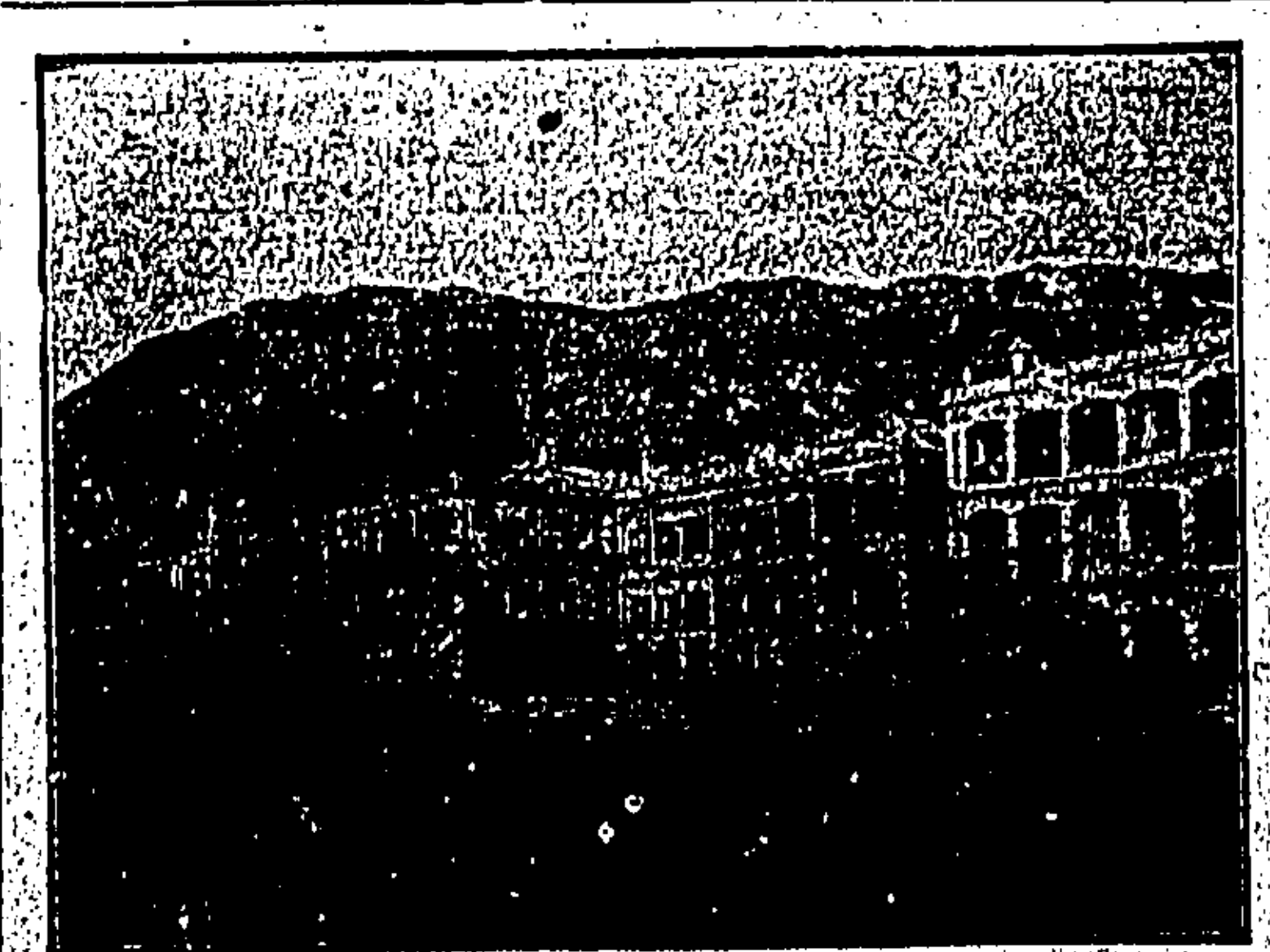
The three top floors have been designed in suites of offices, each complete with lavatories, etc., specially suitable for the use of professional men, such as doctors, dentists, lawyers, etc. The suites have been so arranged that they can be large or small to suit requirements.

## UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF HULL.

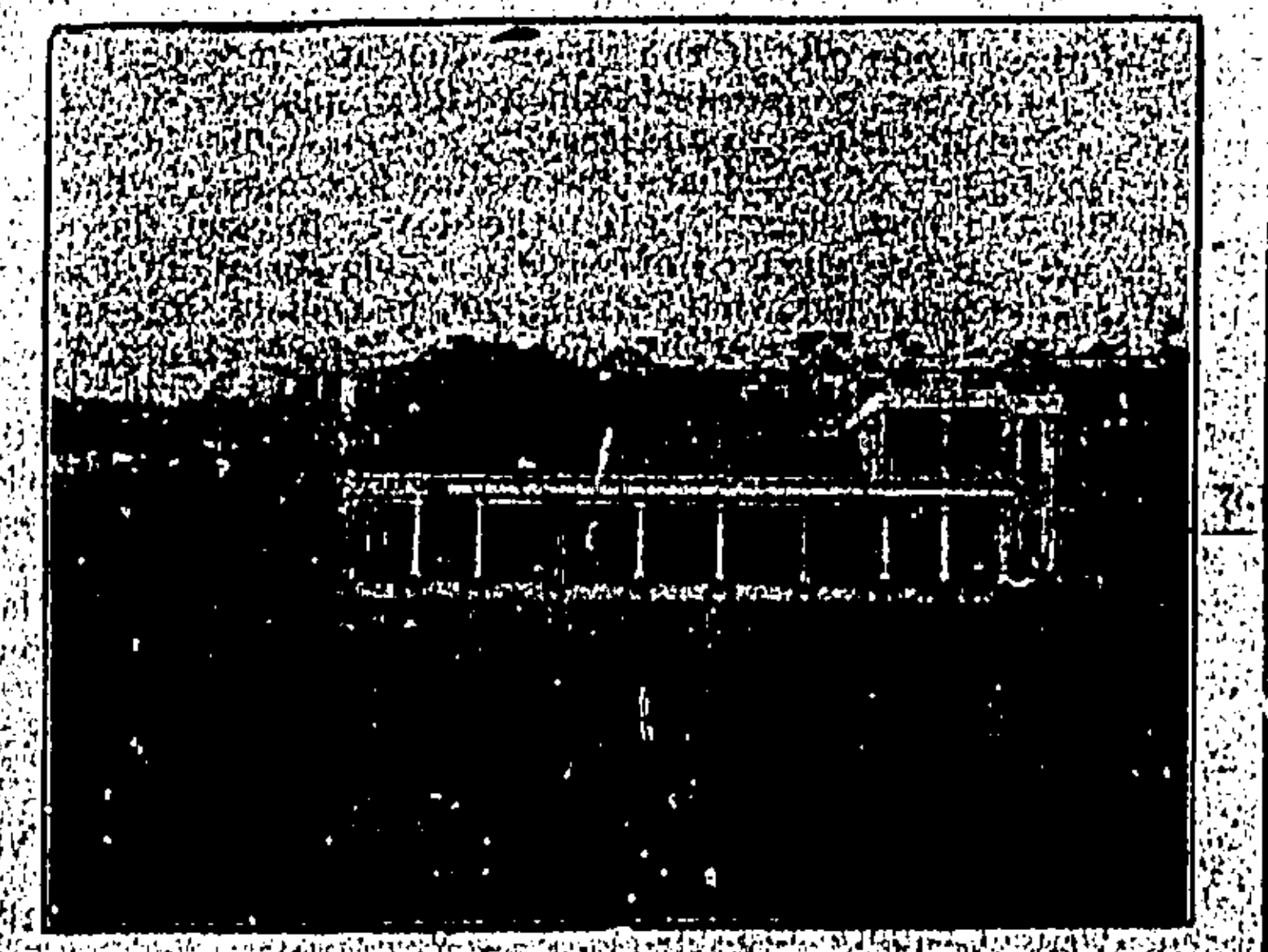
The organising board of the University College of Hull have recently approved the sketch plans of the initial buildings which make provision for all likely needs for some ten years. In the first stage, one complete quadrangular block on the eastern frontage will be erected to accommodate the departments of physics, chemistry, zoology, and geography, a temporary library, and a temporary assembly hall and common rooms, a refectory, and other buildings needed by the staff and students. On the western part of the frontage to Cottingham Road three wings of a quadrangular building will be erected to accommodate administration and a faculty of arts, as well as the department of botany. It is expected that the working drawings will be ready in a few weeks.

## ROYAL GOLD MEDAL FOR ARCHITECTURE.

Intimation has just been received that His Majesty the King has approved the award of the Royal Gold Medal for Sir Herbert Baker, A.R.A., F.R.I.B.A., in recognition of the merit in his work as an architect. The Medal will be presented to Sir Herbert Baker at the banquet of the R.I.B.A. on June 28.



View of Praya East Reclamation designed to relieve building and traffic congestion.



Craigengower Cricket Club, Happy Valley.



## DANGER TO PEKING.

(Continued from Page 1.)

On the other hand, it is understood that the Hankow troops have not advanced beyond Yen-shing, and with the heavy casualties they have suffered, their morale is reported to be bad.

The turn over of Loyang to the Southerners is confirmed although its exact significance seems somewhat obscure.

Cantonese troops advancing against the Communists from the South, are reported to have advanced through Hunan to Puchien, Wuchang, Changsha line.

Other ports show no signs of development at present.—British Naval Wireless.

## Nanking Quiet.

Nanking, May 31.

Other than the crossing of rolling stock to Pukow, the day has passed off without incident.—British Naval Wireless.

## ARMS FOR CHINA.

Shipments From German Ports.

London, May 31.

In the House of Commons, Mr. G. Locker Lampson, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that arms valued at 3,813,644 taels had been imported into China in 1925 from German Ports. This, however, did not prove that the arms were manufactured in Germany in contravention of the Treaty of Versailles. There was no occasion to refer the matter to the League of Nations. Shipments of arms were still taking place from Hamburg to China, but the real origin of the arms was uncertain.—Reuter.

## MEXICO AND CHINA.

American Journalist's Views.

"Out of the colossal evil of Bolshevism, which has debauched and debased both China and Mexico, will come a common cause, a kinship of the great Anglo-Saxon peoples. Britain and America will ultimately see eye to eye and stand shoulder to shoulder. The destinies of China and Mexico lie in their hands." This was the prophecy of Mr. Isaac F. Marcossin, the well-known American journalist, at a luncheon given in his honour by the American Chamber of Commerce at the Hotel Cecil. The American Ambassador (the Hon. Alanson B. Houghton), Lord Ashfield, and Lord Inverforth were among those present.

Mr. Marcossin, who was speaking on the subject of "Mexico and China," drew a parallel between the two countries, in which he has travelled extensively in the course of his work for the "Saturday Evening Post." In both countries banditry was rampant and government a farce. The very same disease affected them. In 1925 Mexico was made the base for the Red propaganda of the Soviet Government of Russia in North and South America, and in 1924 Canton became the headquarters for the same propaganda throughout China. "I warn you solemnly," said the speaker, "that if Bolshevism obtains a hold in China to-day it means that there will be an open road for Bolshevism to India, Persia, and the Far East." Under the present conditions neither Mexico nor China was capable of self-government. Only 10 per cent. of the people in those two countries were literate. Civil war and anarchy were rampant. In Mexico there had been seventy-three presidents in 100 years. That was one for each year and a half, with an accent on the half. (Laughter.) The speaker claimed the distinction of having interviewed five Chinese Premiers or Presidents in five weeks. (Laughter.) In both countries, stunted cupidity and corruption were camouflaged behind that form of patriotism which a great Englishman described as the last refuge of a scoundrel. So far as the United States was concerned, the whole of the trouble with Mexico lay in the latter's attempt to make the Socialistic Constitution of 1917 retrospective. As 90 per cent. of the oil lands owned by Anglo-Saxons were purchased before 1917 this meant that the rights of property were thrown into the melting-pot. It was only in the capable and strong hands of the United States and Great Britain that the true destinies of Mexico and China lay. The first steps for Britain to take, Mr. Marcossin thought, in order to suppress the Red movement in China was to break off all relations with Moscow. Whatever international sins the United States had committed, they had not committed the unpardonable sin of recognising the Moscow Government.

## EARLIER MESSAGES.

Foreign Secretary Receives Deputation.

London, May 31.

A deputation, representing the China Committee, waited on Sir Austen Chamberlain, particularly with regard to the safety of British interests in Hankow. The deputation, led by Mr. David Landale, in the absence of Lord Southborough, owing to ill-health, included Sir Alfred Mond, Mr. L. N. Leefe, Chairman of the

China Association, representatives of the Federation of British Industries, Asiatic Petroleum Company, British American Tobacco Company, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, Chartered Bank, and Messrs. John, Swire and Sons.

Sir A. Chamberlain, in reply, said the Government desired to avoid any interference of internal affairs in China, but were fully alive to the importance of the British interests involved and were determined to protect the lives of British nationals and secure protection and fair treatment for them and their property, while continuing to seek a peaceful and friendly solution of all outstanding difficulties with any authority constituted by the Chinese themselves and able both to make and secure the observance of such friendly settlement. Meanwhile, the Government have taken the precautions required by the present unsettled conditions, and have issued the necessary instructions to British authorities in China.—Reuter.

## "Times" Comment.

London, May 31.

The "Times," referring to "The Chinese Anarchy" in a leader, expresses the opinion that the reasonableness of British policy in China and the excellent discipline and behaviour of the British troops has clearly begun to impress the more independent and responsible Nationalists, who are using their own eyes instead of looking at the world through glasses made in Moscow. At the same time, the risk of unpleasant set-backs will persist as long as Chiang Kai-shek is unable to keep his warriors in order. Mr. Chen no longer represents the chief Nationalist Government in Southern China and his non-Communist rivals seem to be beginning to show greater comprehension of their international responsibilities; but before they or any future Chinese rulers, who claim to represent China, can win the full confidence of other States and the Concessions they demand, they have to prove that they can guarantee reasonable safety to foreigners pursuing their lawful avocations in China.—Reuter.

## Bolshevism Warning.

London, May 31.

Mr. Choo Kia-peng, senior official member of the Federal Council of the Federated Malay States, who is also a leading planter and miner of Malaya, speaking at a largely attended dinner of the Association of British Malaya, in the Hotel Cecil, said there were signs that the civil power of Bolshevism was waning in China and that Britain stood forward as the good Power. Her policy was calculated to serve the true interests of China, and nobody could doubt that this policy would succeed. As a whole the Chinese in Malaya were happy, prosperous and contented, and never wavered in their admiration for the administration of the country and its loyalty to the British Crown.—Reuter.

## Japanese Interest.

Peking, May 31.

The rapidity with which the situation is changing is indicated, inter alia, by the fact that Mr. Yoshizawa, who was recently ordered to return to Japan for a conference to discuss the future policy toward China, to-day received instructions to remain at Peking.—Reuter.

## Independent Policy.

Tokyo, May 31.

The countermanding of the instruction for Mr. Yoshizawa to proceed to Tokyo, is regarded as reflecting the seriousness of the situation in China. The "Nichi Nichi" predicts the possibility of an Anglo-Russian war in China, in which event it suggests an independent policy on Japan's part.—Reuter.

## Borodin Returns.

Shanghai, May 31.

A wireless message from Hankow on May 31 says that Borodin returned to Hankow yesterday from Wuchang. New anti-Chiang Kai-shek and anti-British posters are appearing.—Reuter.

TRADES UNION BILL.  
ANOTHER IMPORTANT CLAUSE ADOPTED.

London, May 31.

The House of Commons by 300 to 125 votes adopted clause VI of the Trade Union Bill making it illegal for any local or public authority to make it a condition of employment of a worker that he is a member or a non-member of a trade union.—Reuter.

## CAPTAIN LINDBERGH.

London, May 31.

His Majesty the King received Captain Lindbergh at Buckingham Palace this morning and decorated him with the Air Force Cross. Prior thereto he had flown his aeroplane to Gosport where it will be dismantled for shipment to America. He returned to Croaydon in one of the Air Force machines which escorted him to the coast.—Reuter.

## CHINESE FISHING.

## THE VISIT OF A BRITISH PILGRIM.

INCIDENTS ON THE YANGTSE.

Chinese fishing is a disappointment and, as fishermen, the Chinese are a decadent race (writes Arthur Ransome in the "Manchester Guardian"). I went to China rather eagerly, primed with the knowledge that some five hundred years before the Christian era Confucius, whose philosophy is to this day the most influential in China, had fished with rod and line, refusing to use a net. Surely, I thought, if China is full of Confucians, they must follow their great teacher in a matter obviously more important than mere philosophical theory. Old Chinese pictures frequently represent men fishing in a worthy manner. Barbed hooks were known to these people two thousand years before they were introduced to us. I came to China as a pilgrim to the cradle of a religion. I expected to find followers of the true faith seated, bamboo in hand, by every ditch. I was as disappointed as must be those Mohammedans who come to Mecca and find there an elaborate system for fleecing the pious instead of an edifying spectacle of pure religion.

The whole time I was in China I saw only two men fishing with rods, and they were not Chinese, but Japanese. I did, however, see a great many fishermen. All, without exception, would be instantly expelled from, for example, the County Palatine Association. The object of the Chinese fishermen seems to be the capture of fish with the least possible expenditure of energy or skill. On the Yangtse the commonest method is as follows. A huge bamboo framework supports a wide, shallow net, which is lowered into the stream close to the bank in places where the fish swim, and is at intervals lifted, when fish that happen to be passing over it are caught. Neither fish nor fisherman is called upon to use more judgment than is necessary in choosing a lottery ticket. Nor does the fisherman use a particle of unnecessary energy. The net would be difficult to lift directly from the water. It is, therefore, suspended from a balanced pole. The fisherman lies comfortably upon the bank smoking his long pipe. When he chooses, he pulls down a light cord, the pole swings up, the net is lifted with so little effort that he can hold his pipe in one hand and haul up the net with the other. If there are any fish in it he scoops them out with a long-handled landing net. If not, he lets go the cord and the net sinks again under the water. And that is all there is to it. Another method is the setting of long lines of a hundred hooks. These are lowered away over the stern of a boat, which is then anchored, while the fisherman sleeps. When he wakes he hauls in his catch. In the lake of the Summer Palace outside Peking I saw men using four-pronged spears. A more interesting method, but one in which the fisherman earns even less credit, is that of making cormorants do the fishing. Going up the Yangtse, I saw three cormorants fishing low over the water and presently settle and dive. In a narrow boat, with perches along its gunwale, a fisherman waited a little way down stream. The cormorants catch fish and bring them back to the fisherman, who suitably rewards them. It is as if in England in a low water an angler should sit on the bank and employ little boys to tickle trout for him. O monstrous degradation.

Catfish and Sharks. The chief fish to be caught in China are members of the carp family. There are, however, small trout, in the backs, in the hills not far from Kiukiang, and, I believe, plenty in Manchuria, where there are too many bandits to leave to anglers the peace of mind their sport requires. There is good sea-fishing in many places, particularly at Wei-hai-wei and Pei Ta-ho, where the bass are of a good size and take a fly heartily. On the way to China, by sea, I fished at Aden, Penang, and Singapore with a tiny rod made for me by Farlows, which I carried in my suitcase, and at all these places caught something. At Aden, sweltering in terrific heat under a sun hat of the 1st of January, I was rowed with a friend in a rough boat, full of blackamoors to an anchored lighter to which we tied up. Here I got catfish on raw meat. When the tide turned, the lighter, which was very low in the water, swung, and there was a sudden yell of "Fish, big fish!" from the blacks. Something big had been sheltered under the lighter and had been disturbed by its swinging. There was a mighty swirl in the

water on the far side of it. I had just caught a catfish, and, jumping from our boat to the lighter, I dangled it at my feet in the place where we had seen the swirl. Suddenly a fair-sized shark, seven or eight feet long, shot up so near that I could easily have kicked his back fin as he turned. He came right up under my feet, turned over, and was gone. I tried desperately to tempt him with the catfish. He would not come again. But at least I had seen a shark, and nearer than I am ever likely to see one again. At Penang, also fishing with raw meat, in the evening, after going to the top of the hill and seeing butterflies as big as soup plates and a centipede a foot long and thicker than my thumb, I tried in the inner harbour under the light of an arc lamp and got a fat fish striped and brightly coloured, which was appropriated by a Japanese, who said it was very good to eat. Also another catfish. At Singapore I fished from the top of a stockade built out into the sea to form a bathing enclosure free from sharks. Here the bait was prawns. I caught two curious fish about half a pound each and then a sea-serpent.

But the only fishing I had actually in China was one afternoon in the Hongkew Park in Shanghai. My steamer postponed sailing by a few hours, and I took the chance. The pond in the Kongkew Park holds nothing but carp, and the day was not a carp day, but one of hard wind and biting cold. It snowed at night. I found there two Japanese, who showed me a photograph of a carp of some eighteen pounds that one of them had caught in the summer. We fished through the afternoon. Each of the Japanese was fishing with six rods. I had one. The total number of rods was thirteen. So that perhaps we should have caught nothing anyhow. One must not always blame the weather.

## CHINA COAST.

## GAZETTE OF THE LATEST CHANGES.

Mr. J. W. Bortram, from reserve, has gone sup'y second engineer, "Kinsan."  
Mr. D. H. Maxwell, from reserve, has gone sup'y second engineer, "Kwangtung."  
Mr. J. D. Craig, sup'y third engineer, "Hupei," has gone sup'y third engineer, "Kwangtung."  
Mr. E. E. Bidwell, from reserve, has gone sup'y chief officer, "Yucang."  
Mr. J. Bowman has been appointed second officer, "Suiwo."  
Mr. J. Shiel, second officer, "Suiwo," is on reserve.  
Mr. E. V. Bishop, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Tungwo."  
Mr. L. Bones, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Kungwo."  
Mr. C. J. A. H. Hendry, sup'y chief officer, "Kungwo," has gone chief officer, "Changwo."  
Mr. T. Wilkinson, chief officer, "Changwo," is on reserve.  
Mr. R. B. Symington has been appointed sup'y third engineer, "Kungwo."  
—Shipping & Engineering.

## PRICE OF HOUSES.

Mr. Chamberlain informed Mr. Short in the House of Commons on April 20 that the average prices of houses in contracts let by local authorities, excluding the cost of land and development were, in May, 1926, 2436 in respect of non-parlour houses, and 2495 for parlour houses; the corresponding figures in January, 1927, were 2427 and 2492.

## POSITION WANTED.

COOK BOY desires position in Hotel or Residence. Salary required \$20 per month. Apply Box No. 492, c/o "China Mail."

## THE RULING TOPIC

In the papers one besetting Topic greets me every day—  
I am rapidly forgetting  
There are other things to say;  
What's the purpose of gazetting  
Reparation scheme amounts  
When it's crystal clear that betting  
Is the only thing that counts?  
Par and picture, puff and petting,  
Keep the sacred topic warm;  
Half mankind is shown as sweating  
Over starters and their form;  
And if appetites need whetting  
There are many titbits ripe  
Of the sweeps that meant the netting  
Of a competence for life.

Thus publicity, curvetting  
Round the punter and his dream,  
Seems to leave the world coquetting  
With one universal theme;  
For the bit that isn't betting  
Most vociferous has waxed  
In discussing (or regretting)  
Ways of having betting taxed.

Lucio.

## A GREAT FILM.

## EMIL JANNINGS AT THE QUEEN'S.

"THE LOVES OF PHARAOH."

While Egypt figures in the newspapers as the scene of a new political crisis, that ancient land is to be seen in the Queen's Theatre as the setting of a truly wonderful film. "The Loves of Pharaoh" is not altogether happily named, for besides being inaccurate, Pharaoh having only one love, the slave girl for whom he sacrifices a kingdom, the title gives the impression that the picture is a mere succession of exotic scenes. That it certainly is not. Exotic scenes there are, of course, but they are kept in their place—where they are both telling and beautiful. The story, which is skillfully unfolded to contrast the destiny of individuals with the destiny of nations, is of absorbing interest, taking the spectator into the homes, the palaces and the temples of the great people who built the Pyramids. The settings are on a magnificent scale, and the battle scenes, including the sack of Thebes, are as wonderful as anything of the sort yet offered by the screen. The acting is superb. Emil Jannings as Pharaoh gives a performance sufficient in itself to make the film a masterpiece. The screening of the picture, needless to say, is faultless, and it is hardly necessary to add that the music of the Queen's Orchestra, under Mr. Grovini, greatly adds to the enjoyment. Atmosphere is also given to the picture by the Egyptian stage setting in which Mr. Seijiro Tatsumi, the Japanese tenor, sings his charming songs.

## Shadows Before.

## COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.  
June 1—Queen's Theatre: "The Loves of Pharaoh."  
June 1—World Theatre: "Empty Hands."  
June 1—Star Theatre: "Too Many Kisses."  
June 1—Dinner Damsel and Exhibition Dancing at Cafe Restaurant Parisien.  
June 1—Isako's European Circus, Hungchow, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m. Matinee 4 p.m.  
June 1—Cafe Parisien Children's Fancy Dress Ball, 4 p.m.  
June 2—Tea Dance, Cafe Restaurant Parisien, 4.30 p.m.  
June 10—"Squakettes" performance at the Peak Club in aid of Lady Clement's Entertainment Fund and M.C.C., 9.30 p.m.  
Sports.  
June 4, 6—Fourth extra race meeting of H. K. Jockey Club, Happy Valley Race Course, 2.45 p.m.  
June 11—First game of the Hong Kong Baseball Association, Happy Valley.

Lammerts' Auctions.  
June 1—Valuable collection of postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.  
June 2—Miscellaneous and sample goods at Lammert Bros. Sales Room, 11 a.m.

Meetings.  
June 7—Forty-ninth annual meeting of shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine's Offices, noon.  
June 9—Annual meeting of shareholders of Peak Tramways Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11 a.m.  
June 10—Half-yearly meeting of Members of the Hong Kong Club Annex, 12.30 p.m.  
June 17—Annual meeting of members of St. Peter's Club, 8.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.  
June 3—King's Birthday parade, Happy Valley, 9 a.m.  
June 4—Offices and stations of Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon & District closed to public business.  
June 7—Piano recital at St. John's Cathedral Hall, by Mr. Harry Ore's pupils, 5.30 p.m.  
June 20—St. Peter's Club social for service men.  
June 24—Whist Drive at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 8.30 p.m.  
June 29—Lantern lecture by Dr. Osman at St. Peter's Club, 8.30 p.m.

The Latest by LAYTON &amp; JOHNSTONE



Columbia New Process RECORDS

4267 SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS ANY TIME, ANYWHERE

4268 BILLY BOY TALKING TO THE MOON

3965 DINAH BROWN EYES

3916 YOU FORGET TO REMEMBER WILD FLOWER

THE ANDERSON MUSIC CO., LTD.

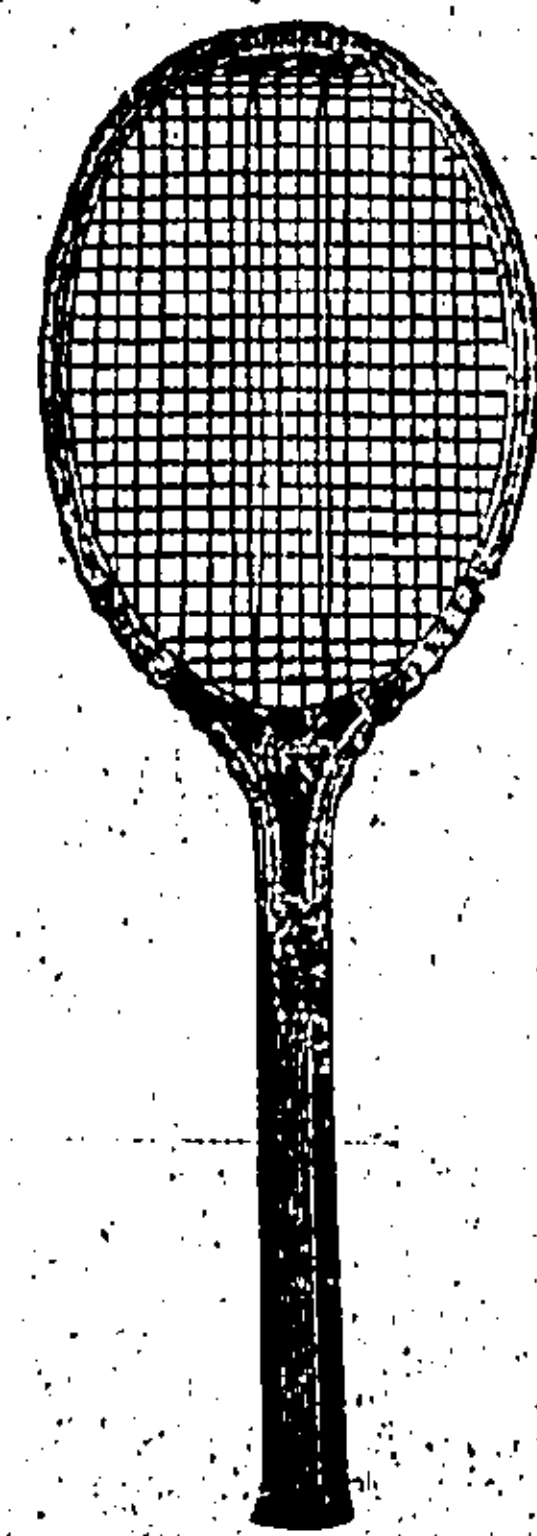
ST. GEORGE'S BUILDING.

## SIMONDS PALE ALE.

"Hop Leaf" Brand.  
A delicious light ale.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR &amp; CO., LTD.

(Incorporated under the Companies' Ordinances of Hong Kong.)



THE

## "PICADOR" RACKET

A Cheap, but thoroughly reliable racket made by F. H. AYRES, Ltd., London.

Price \$16 each.

We carry Stocks of TENNIS BALLS by leading makers, for Hard and Grass Courts.

Rackets restrung by expert workmen.

Call and inspect our Stocks

TABAQUERIA FILIPINA  
LEADING TOBACCONISTS IN THE FAR EAST

## THE QUEEN'S MOTOR BOAT CO., LTD.

Queen's Statue Pier.

MOTOR BOATS FOR HIRE  
DAY and NIGHT

MODERATE CHARGES

Office:—64, Connaught Road C., 1st floor.

Tel. C. 469.

## HAVE YOUR SUMMER SUITS MADE NOW

We undertake to give you good workmanship, expert fit and cheap prices.

## TAK WAH &amp; CO.

Just above "China Mail"

11, Wyndham Street.

A REAL DRINK  
"BOAR'S HEAD" BRAND

GUINNESS

FOREIGN EXTRA



## STOUT

A WORLD-WIDE REPUTATION.

SOLE AGENTS:

GANDE, PRICE &amp; CO., LTD.

67, GEORGE'S BUILDING, ICE HOUSE STREET

Tel. Central No. 435.



## THE UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LTD.

SOLE AGENTS FOR

"PUDLO"

Makes Cement Waterproof

"FEUSOL"

The Immovable Fire Cement.

Tel. Central 236.

2, Queen's Buildings.

## G. FALCONER &amp; CO., (HONG KONG) LTD

WATCHMAKERS' &amp; JEWELLERS

DIAMOND MERCHANTS

Union Building (Opposite G.P.O.)

Agents for:—ADMIRALTY CHARTS,  
ROSS'S BINOCULARS and TELESCOPES,  
KELVIN'S NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,  
ENGLISH SILVERWARE, direct from Manufacturers,  
High Class English Jewellery.

## FOR MEN! FOR WOMEN!

Do you feel that your health is growing weak?  
Do you suffer from Nervous Affections and General Debility?  
Do you wish to restore yourself to Rejuvenation?

Ask for "SATYRIN" the remedy prescribed  
by Professor Steinboch of Vienna.

Hong Kong Agent: A. C. K. CO.,  
3, Lee Yuen St. E., 1st floor,  
Hong Kong.

## SUMMER'S SAFEST FOOD

DAIRY FARM ICE CREAM.



Safe, Nutritious, Tasty, Delicious.

Delivered to your doorstep.

In our new patent Freezard Containers.

All Popular Flavours Stocked.

The Dairy Farm, Ice &amp; Cold Storage Co., Ltd.

## LAMOI BEER



Insist on having it because it is the BEST.

Sole Importers:—

H. RUTTONJEE &amp; SON

16, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL

## LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Saturday, June 4, has been proclaimed a general holiday by the Governor-in-Council.

The original pencil manuscript of Wagner's opera, "Das Rheingold," has been sold by the American Art Association to Messrs. Rosenbach, of New York, for \$15,400 (about £3,100).

This Friday (being the birthday of H.M. the King), Saturday (a general holiday), Sunday (Whit Monday), and Monday (the day after the bank holiday), during which the local exchange banks will be closed to public business.

"Postmarks nowadays are usually indecipherable, and we cannot tell where letters are posted," remarked Mr. Ingleby Oddie, the Westminster coroner, when a witness told him she could not decipher the postmark on a letter she received from her husband.

At the monthly executive committee of the Automobile Association, 11,120 new members of the association were elected. This constitutes a record in the history of the association, the total membership of which is now well over 325,000. The figures indicate a boom in British motoring during the coming season.

During the holidays on Friday, Saturday, and Monday, the Fire and Marine Insurance offices of Hong Kong will be closed.

"Gentlemen, snuff is now served." With this announcement, by Mr. J. L. Goldspink, the clerk, a snuff-box was handed round to members at the annual meeting of the Lambeth Board of Guardians. The box, which is of solid, engraved silver, bears the following inscription: Presented by the Board of Guardians of Lambeth for the year 1846 to their successors in office forever to commemorate the good feeling existing between the now united parties.

A marriage in the air is to take place over Berlin very shortly, this being the first of its kind in Germany. The up-to-date bridegroom is Dr. Orlovina, a member of the staff of the Luft Hansa, the German flying organization, who will ascend in an aeroplane with his bride, two witnesses, and the registrar, who will perform the marriage ceremony at the moment the machine is flying over the Town Hall, where earthbound mortals are united in matrimony. The party will then descend to partake of the wedding breakfast, after which the newly-wed couple will leave for Italy for their honeymoon, naturally by aeroplane again.

The only case of notifiable disease which occurred yesterday was that of a Chinese, from the city registration district, with enteric fever (typhoid).

## THEOSOPHY

Weekly Meetings on Sunday 10.30 a.m.

Inquiries daily. Library and Booksales:—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from six to eight p.m.

The Weekly Public Lectures will be discontinued during the Summer Months.

The Library is Open to All. Hong Kong Lodge The Theosophical Society, 7, Duddell Street, next to Hotel Metropole, Hong Kong. P.O. Box 682. Inquiries are welcome.

Over 500,000lb. of foodstuffs, 610,000 oranges, and 44,610doz. eggs were consumed by the men of the Atlantic Fleet in five weeks, and the Mediterranean Fleet in three weeks, from the middle of February. This was reported at the quarterly meeting of the Canteen Committee of the Men of the Royal Navy, held at the headquarters of the Navy, Army, and Air Force Institutes at Kennington. Some of the big items of fare were 50,400lb. of bacon, 26,880lb. of cheese, 36,960lb. of sausages, and 33,080lb. of kippers.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. P. Clover of the Jardine Engineering Corporation sailed for Shanghai to-day on the "President Madison."

Mr. David Gow, chief clerk in the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., went on leave to-day by the "President Madison," travelling via Seattle, accompanied by Mrs. Gow and Miss Margaret Gow.

Mrs. B. D. F. Beith, Mr. L. E. Hopkins, Mr. W. L. Gerrard and Dr. Evan Jones were passengers on the "Empress of Canada," which sailed from Hong Kong to-day for Shanghai, Japan and Vancouver.

On a short visit to Shanghai, Mr. M. Manuk (secretary to the Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd.) left Hong Kong to-day by the "President Madison." Mr. Manuk is accompanied by Miss K. Manuk and Mrs. Howie.

Mr. W. B. Barney, passenger agent at Manila for the Dollar and American Mail Lines, has been transferred to Seattle. With Mrs. Barney, he continued his voyage from Hong Kong to-day on the "President Madison."

Mr. F. H. Dillon, Land Bailiff of the Public Works Department, left the Colony to-day on the "Empress of Canada." He has retired on pension and will, it is understood, make his home in Seattle. With Mr. Dillon were Mrs. Dillon and their family.

Passengers on the "President Madison" when she left Hong Kong to-day included:—Mr. and Mrs. W. K. McCandless and family (American Presbyterian Mission, going on leave); Mrs. C. Recto (the wife of a Manila merchant, going to Seattle); Mr. Herbert E. Smith (a business man from Manila to Shanghai) and Mrs. Smith.

The "Taiyo Maru" took away a good many local passengers when she left Hong Kong yesterday for Shanghai, Japan and San Francisco. These included Mr. S. F. McBain, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. McBain, Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Seiden, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Jones, Mr. J. E. McDonald, Miss Ruth Pettigrew, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Turner, Mr. R. C. Hill, Mrs. C. D. Andrew, Mrs. E. Le. Roy Smith, Miss Veronica Smith, Mr. G. M. Mueller, Mrs. L. Cassel, Mr. H. B. Sheldon, Rev. E. P. Burt.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., went on leave to-day, sailing on the "Empress of Canada" for Vancouver.

Mr. V. A. J. J. Rasmussen of the A.P.C. and Mrs. Rasmussen, were passengers on the "Aeneas" which left Hong Kong yesterday for Home.

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C. and Lady Pollock were passengers on the "Empress of Canada," which sailed from Hong Kong to-day for Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lauder were passengers on the s.s. "Taiyo Maru," which left Hong Kong yesterday for Shanghai, Japan and San Francisco. They were accompanied by Miss Lauder.

Proceeding on Home leave, Mr. M. H. Varn (manager of the Standard Oil Co.'s branch at Kowloon) sailed from Hong Kong to-day on the "President Madison," with Mrs. Varn and their daughter.

General Leonard Wood (Governor-General of the Philippine Islands), accompanied by his aide-de-camp, Major Burton V. Reed, paid an unofficial call at Government House yesterday on Sir Cecil Clement. To-day the "President Madison" continued her voyage to Seattle with the Governor-General on board, accompanied by Mrs. Wood, Major Reed and Captain L. Fletcher.

Going as far as Shanghai on the "Empress of Canada," which left Hong Kong to-day, were Mr. Tsu-yea Pei (Hong Kong manager of the Bank of China); Mr. Yimson H. Tsao (general secretary, Hong Kong Y.M.C.A.); Professor Chung Hing Kwong (associate President, Canton Christian College); Mr. Kin Tseng-ching (a former professor of Kwangtung University).

The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D. and Mrs. Kotewall left Hong Kong to-day for Yokohama by the "Empress of Canada." Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Lo are going by the same ship to Vancouver. Dr. Kotewall is, of course, the Chinese representative on the Legislative Council. Mr. Lo is the local solicitor and Mrs. Lo is the daughter of Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung.

Miss K. Boswick and Miss J. Prentice arrived in Hong Kong to-day by the s.s. "Tanda" from Japan.

Mrs. E. Bullock, wife of the Chief Clerk in the Colonial Secretariat, left Hong Kong yesterday on the s.s. "Aeneas" for Home, with Master E. J. and Miss S. M. Bullock.

Mr. J. S. McIntosh, chief engine draughtsman of the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., left Hong Kong yesterday by the "Aeneas" for Home, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. B. J. McIntosh.

Through passengers on the Blue Funnel s.s. "Aeneas," which sailed from Hong Kong yesterday for Home via Singapore and Marseilles, included the Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Sherman and family and Mr. C. S. Harvey.

Mr. A. S. D. Cousland (of Messrs. Alex. Ross & Co. (China), Ltd.) and Mrs. Cousland, left Hong Kong for Home to-day by the "Empress of Canada." They have been in the Colony for 26 years and were recently the recipients of parting tributes from their many friends.

Marilla passengers on the "President Madison" when she sailed from Hong Kong to-day for Seattle via Shanghai and Japan included:—Mr. R. Renton Hind (of the Sugar Centrals, P.I., going to America on business); Mr. A. H. Muzall (a lumber merchant); Mr. J. A. Wright (sugar merchant) with Mrs. Wright and daughter.

Among the passengers going home by the "Empress of Canada" which sailed from Hong Kong to-day for Vancouver were:—Mrs. Fitzroy (wife of Mr. H. S. Fitzroy, acting Assistant Attorney-General); Mr. H. Richardson and Mr. H. L. Wilson; Mr. B. and Mrs. C. Collis; with Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. B. Montague Ede; Mr. B. M. Jones (Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation); Mrs. R. J. Paterson and Master Burgess Pearson; Mrs. Edgar Davidson; Mrs. J. P. Sherry; Lt.-Col. H. B. Cunn; Mr. G. E. Costello (general agent, passenger department, Canadian Pacific Co., Hong Kong); Mr. H. Livingston (manager, Standard Oil Co., Fochow); and Mrs. Livingston.

## GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

BEST PORTLAND CEMENT

SHEWAN, TOMES &amp; CO.,

General Managers

HONGKONG.

## REFRESH YOURSELF

Delicious Ice Cream; and when it is "ON LOK YUEN'S," frozen from Pure Rich Cream, in our Sanitary Plant, you know it is more than just—Ice Cream.



PURE CREAM

Price 15 cents each

TRY ONE TO-DAY

Manufactured Solely by

ON LOK YUEN

27-35, Des Vœux Road C.



## ISAKO'S CIRCUS

KOWLOON

Opposite Hunghom Railway Bridge

## COMPLETE CHANGE OF PROGRAMME

The 4 "FLYING ARKO'S"  
"KINGS of the AIR"

Will perform their hazardous feat with eyes blindfolded and enveloped in sacks.

Trained stallion "Sourabaya" will dance the most up-to-date dances under the direction of Mr. F. ISAKO.

Daring Acrobatic Acts by Griddleff Bros.  
New Eccentrics and Musical Acts.

ENTIRELY NEW PROGRAMME SELECTED

## MATINEE

Wednesday, Saturday &amp; Sunday

AT 4 P.M.

CHILDREN HALF PRICE

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

During intervals children will be allowed to ride  
Horses, Ponies, Camels, Donkeys, etc.

Just Received from  
ALFRED DUNHILL LIMITED  
LONDON.

A Full Range of their First Class Goods

AT Exceptional Prices for 10 Days Only.

## PIPES.

Standard Briar.  
Shell Briar.  
Quaint Shape Briar.

## TOBACCO POUCHES.

Oil Silk Tobacco Pouch.  
Tobacco Pouch.

## CIGARETTE HOLDERS.

Assorted Kinds.

## CIGARETTES.

Pomp Turbist.  
Pomp Virginia.

## TOBACCOS.

My Mixture.  
Mid. Medium.  
Full Extra Mild.  
Standard Mixture.  
Mid. Medium, Full.  
Ouba Havana Mixture.  
Royal Yacht Mixture.  
Ye Olde Signe Mixture.  
Harmony Mixture.  
Dunbar Mixture.

## GRÆCO EGYPTIAN TOBACCO STORE LIMITED

12, Queen's Road Central, Tel. No. C 2801

HONG KONG.

N.B.—We have NO Connection with any other Tobacco Firm in Hong Kong.



## SPORTS SECTION

## 1,000 RUNS IN MAY

W. G. Grace's Record Equalled.

## ANOTHER DOUBLE CENTURY.

Hammond, the budding all-rounder of Gloucestershire, has compiled 1,000 runs in first-class cricket at home, a feat that has only been accomplished by the late Dr. W. G. Grace (the "Grand Old Man" of cricket) and Tom Hayward, who was Jack Hobbs's mentor at Surrey.

Another "double" century has been added to this year's bumper crop. The batsman this time is George Gunn, the Nottinghamshire veteran.

London, May 31. County championship and other first-class cricket matches ended to-day resulted as follows:—

## Hammond's Game.

At Southampton, Hampshire obtained a first innings' lead from Gloucestershire in an uncompleted match. Scores:—

Gloucester (1st innings) 320 runs. Hammond 192.

Hants (1st) 421 runs. Kennedy 66. Mead 187.

Gloucester (2nd innings) 337 runs for 4 wickets. Smith 100. Neale 145 not out.

Hants (2nd) 136 runs for 4 wks. Hon. L. H. Tennyson 102 not out.

(Note: Hammond's career is comparatively short and he is in the prime of life. He showed excellent promise in the 1925 season, particularly as a batsman, also as an exemplary fieldman, and as a bowler. He was kept out of the game last year by illness, hence the absence of his name from the trials for the Tests with the Australians.)

## The Latest "Double."

George Gunn made a century in each innings of the match at Trent Bridge in which Nottinghamshire beat Warwickshire by 252 runs. Scores:—

Notts (1st) 249 runs. Gunn (C.) 100; Mayer 6 wickets for 66 runs.

Warwick (1st) 231 runs. Parsons 87; Larwood 6 for 87.

Notts (2nd) 377 runs for 5 wks. dec. Gunn (C.) 110. Walker 144 not out. Lilley 59.

Warwick (2nd) 143 runs.

## Middlesex v. Somerset.

At Lord's, Middlesex led Somerset on the first innings in an uncompleted match. Scores:—

Somerset (1st) 227 runs. Case 78. White 70; Stevens 6 for 96.

Middlesex (1st) 290 runs. Stevens 66. Mann 52; White 6 for 89.

Somerset (2nd) 306 runs. Lee 66. Ingle 71, White 68.

Middlesex (2nd) 37 runs for 3 wks.

## Essex v. Leicestershire.

At Leyton, Essex lost first innings' points to Leicestershire in an uncompleted match. Scores:—

Essex (1st) 197 runs. Skelding 6 for 63.

Leicestershire (1st) 394 runs. Shipman 108. Armstrong 89. Sidwell 50.

Essex (2nd) 313 runs for 3 wks. O'Connor 139 not out. Russell 104.

Derby v. Kent.

At Derby, Derbyshire lost to Kent by 127 runs. Scores:—

Kent (1st) 215 runs. Woolley (F.E.) 84.

Derby (1st) 169 runs. Freeman 6 for 64.

Kent (2nd) 228 runs. Evans 100; Storer 5 for 32.

Derby (2nd) 147 runs. Ashdown 5 for 29.

## Northants v. Glamorgan.

At Northampton, Northamptonshire beat Glamorgan by 209 runs. Scores:—

Northants (1st) 350 runs. Hawtin 112. Walden 67.

Glamorgan (1st) 235 runs. Bates 78; Clark 5 for 42.

Northants (2nd) 160 runs. Woolley (C.N.) 58. Hawtin 72; Ryan 6 for 39.

Glamorgan (2nd) 66 runs. Clark 5 for 20.

## Yorkshire v. Surrey.

At Leeds, Yorkshire defeated Surrey by ten wickets. Scores:—

Surrey (1st) 172 runs. Rhodes 6 for 59. Kilner (R.) 4 for 39.

Yorkshire (1st) 383 runs. Sutcliffe 176. Oldroyd 62. Leyland 70.

Surrey (2nd) 203 runs. Ducas 59; Kilner (R.) 5 for 76; Yorks (2nd) 44 runs for no wicket.

## Worcestershire v. Lancashire.

At Dudley, Worcestershire lost to Lancashire by four wickets. Scores:—

Worcester (1st) 206 runs. Tyleder (R.) 5 for 42.

Lancs (1st) 199 runs. Green 60. Sibbles 64; Root 6 for 48.

Worcester (2nd) 28 runs. Macdonald 7 for 40. Sibbles 3 for 47.

Lancs (2nd) 96 runs for 6 wks. Root 4 for 32.

## Sussex v. New Zealand.

At Brighton, Sussex lost to the New Zealanders by eight wickets. Scores:—

Sussex (1st) 316 runs. Park (J.) 69; A. E. B. Gilligan 68; Morris 6 for 92.

New Zealand (1st) 466 runs. Blunt 67; Dempster 57; Lowry 105; Page 63.

Sussex (2nd) 191 runs. Blunt 4 for 86.

New Zealand (2nd) 43 runs for 2 wks.

## Oxford v. the Army.

At Oxford, the University drew with the Army. Scores:—

Army (1st) 388 runs. G. Bryan 116; Stanyforth 57.

Oxford (1st) 328 runs. Holmes 72; Nunn 98; Newman 64; Joy 5 for 70. Miles 6 for 115.

Army (2nd) 188 runs for 6 wks. dec. G. Bryan 78. Stanyforth 61 not out.

Oxford (2nd) 115 runs for 8 wks. Crawley 57 not out.

## TO-DAY'S DERBY.

## CHANGES TO LIST OF PROBABLES.

## 25 NAMES LEFT IN.

Latest changes in the list of Derby probabilities are recorded below, in the order of being received:—

Tornillo scratched.

Kinchardine scratched.

Fourth Hand scratched.

Damon will be ridden by H. Beasley and not P. Beasley.

A jockey has been found for Jack's Son in A. Burns.

Son and Heir will have Carlisle up and not Evans.

Spiramonde will be ridden by Pat Donoghue, son of the famous Steve.

Treat will be ridden by P. Beasley.

Buckfast will be ridden by Evans.

Chichester Cross will be ridden by G. Richards.

Stampede (with Bowden as jockey) is added to the list of probable starters.

The trainer of Moneymaker announces that the colt will be scratched from the Derby owing to shoulder trouble.

Dark Antony (rider not yet fixed) is added to the list of probabilities.

## List of Probables.

Accordingly the list will stand as follows:—

Runner Jockey

Adam's Apple J. Leach

Adieu Marshall

Applecross J. Childs

Birchright Garnett

Buckfast Evans

Call Boy Elliott

Chichester Cross C. Richards

Damon H. Beasley

Dark Antony Dick

Flashing Star Smirke

Hossan Wragge

Hot Night A. Burns

Jack's Son

Knight of the Grail Winter

Lone Knight S. Donoghue

Parker Butler

Restigouche C. Childs

Shin Mor F. Lane

Sickle Weston

Silverstead F. Fox

Son and Heir Carlisle

Spiramonde P. Donoghue

Stampede Bowden

Tattler Pevsman

Treat P. Beasley

## The "Barometer."

Latest betting prices quoted were:—

9 to 2 Call Boy, taken and offered.

13 to 2 Adam's Apple, offered; 7 to 1 taken.

100 to 1 Sickle, taken and offered.

15 to 2 Hot Night, taken and offered.

100 to 6 Moneymaker, taken and offered.

18 to 1 Lone Knight, taken and offered.

20 to 1 Applecross, taken and offered.

20 to 1 Shin Mor and Tattoo, offered; 25 to 1 taken.

25 to 1 Hossan, taken and offered.

33 to 1 Adieu and Knight of the Grail, offered.

33 to 1 Damon, offered; 40 to 1 taken.

40 to 1 Son and Heir and Silverstead, offered.

50 to 1 Birchright, taken and offered.

## To-day's Derby (1½ miles at Epsom) will show the richest record in stake money, namely £13,315, of which the successful owner will receive £12,115 with an additional £500 if the winner is a home-bred horse.

It will also be memorable as the first Derby run under the Betting Tax.

## MACAO RACES.

## "PLACES" GAINED BY THE JOCKEYS.

## CASH SWEEP WINNER.

Honours won, by gentlemen riders at the 2nd extra race meeting of the International Race and Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd., held on May 28 and 29, were:—

Jockeys 1st. 2nd. 3rd.

Mr. K. H. Chun 4 3 2

Mr. R. H. Charles 4 0 1

Mr. G. W. Sewell 2 3 1

Mr. L. Reidy 2 2 0

Mr. Y. M. Loo 2 2 0

Mr. F. A. Pollock 2 1 2

Mr. G. U. da Roza 1 5 3

Mr. T. O. Bullock 1 1 5

Mr. A. Fontes 1 0 1

Mr. W. T. Stanton 1 0 0

Dr. J. C. Macgown 0 2 0

Mr. A. E. B. Souza 0 1 2

Mr. A. M. Luz 0 0 1

Mr. R. Rocha 0 0 1

\* included a dead heat.

Ticket No. 18,778 which drew Wild Fellow in the Fraix Grande Stakes and won \$3,472 was purchased by a person in Shanghai.

116 Stanyforth 57.

Oxford (1st) 328 runs. Holmes 72; Nunn 98; Newman 64; Joy 5 for 70. Miles 6 for 115.

Army (2nd) 188 runs for 6 wks. dec. G. Bryan 78. Stanyforth 61 not out.

Oxford (2nd) 115 runs for 8 wks. Crawley 57 not out.

## HOLDERS WIN.

## TENNIS LEAGUE MATCH "A" DIVISION.

## K.C.C. LOSE TO CHINESE.

The postponed fixture in "A" division of the Hong Kong Tennis League between the Kowloon Cricket Club and the Chinese Recreation Club (undefeated holders) was played yesterday at Kowloon and resulted in a win for the Chinese by 25 games. Scores:—

E. C. Fincher and E. F. Fincher (K.C.C.):—

beat Ng Sze-kwong and Yew Man-Kit 8-3

beat M. K. Lo and Ng Sze-cheung 6-5

lost to M. W. Lo and H. Lo 5-6

19-14

W. Hyde and C. E. Millard (K.C.C.):—

lost to Ng Sze-kwong and Yew Man-Kit 4-7

lost to M. K. Lo and Ng Sze-cheung 5-6

lost to M. W. Lo and H. Lo 4-7

13-20

C. W. E. Bishop and L. Jack:—

lost to Ng Sze-kwong and Yew Man-Kit 2-9

lost to M. K. Lo and Ng Sze-cheung 2-9

lost to M. W. Lo and H. Lo 1-10

5-28

Total: Kowloon C.C. 37, Chinese R.C. 62.

The Table for "A" Division now stands at:—

P. W. L. Pts.

Chinese R.C. 4 4 0 4

Indian R.C. 3 2 1 2

Kowloon C.C. 4 2 2 2

M.B.K. 2 1 1 1

University 2 2 1 1

Hong Kong C.C. 2 0 2 0

U.S.R.C. 3 0 3 0

The following will represent the Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday, 4.30 p.m. on K.C.C. ground in league matches:—

"B" team v. South China A.A.—

R. E. Lindell (captain) and C. H. Atkins. A. Hanson and D. J. Purves.

P. M. Pinget and G. S. Ford.

"C" team v. Talkoo R.C.—W. Woodward (captain) and C. H. Leddra. Geo. Lee and A. J. Kew.

R. F. Strange and J. S. Smith.

## FINALIST LOSES.

## FRENCH HARD COURTS TENNIS.

St. Cloud, May 30.

In the fifth round of the French hard court lawn tennis championships, Tilden beat Raymond, the South African player, 5-7, 6-2, 8-6, 3-6, thus qualifying for the semi-final.

The Frenchman, Gentien, who up to the present has been regarded as a second rate player, created surprise by defeating Borotra 6-2, 11-12, 6-0, 6-4.—Reuter.

## The Quarter-Finals.

St. Cloud, May 31.

In the quarter-finals, the 18-year-old South African Miss Heine beat Senorita de Altez (Spain), last year's Wimbledon finalist, by 6-5, 7-5, 7-5.

Cochet of France beat Frotzheim (Germany) 6-1, 6-1, 6-4.

Borotra and Lacoste beat the Britons Turnbull and Lester 6-3, 6-4, 1-6, 6-2. Tilden and Hunter beat Landry and Bousset (France 6-1, 6-1, 8-10, 8-6.—Reuter.

## BASEBALL VISIT.

## "ALL-FILIPINO" TOURISTS COMING.

Should the Hong Kong Association's stand at Happy Valley be completed in time, an interesting game will be played over the weekend between a side representing Hong Kong and an All-Filipino team.

The Filipinos are passing through with their manager and captain, Mr. Hugo Ramas, on the "President Pierce" which is due this Sunday.

They have asked for a game in Hong Kong and if it is at all possible the Hong Kong Baseball Association will arrange it and incidentally give the season a good send-off.

The All-Filipino team is on its way to Honolulu, where a series of games will be played, and will afterwards tour the Pacific Coast.

## CAR RACE THRILLS.

Indianapolis, May 31.

A driver named Kohler was killed in a collision at the annual Memorial Day motor car race of 500 miles.

Subsequently 160,000 spectators were thrilled as a car, driven by Batten, of Brooklyn, burst into flames and careered round the track blazing.

Batten stuck grimly to his post. When his hands were so blistered that he could no longer hold the wheel, he steered with his left foot. He finally succeeded in drawing up.

The race was won by George Souders, who was competing in his first big race. He gets a prize of \$325,000.—Reuter's American Service.

## H.K. CRICKET CLUB.

## QUESTION OF EXTENSIONS CONSIDERED.

## PROPOSED \$38,000 SCHEME.

The improvements to the Hong Kong Cricket Club pavilion (including the addition of a second storey) which were considered by members at a meeting yesterday afternoon were stated to be estimated to cost \$38,000. The finances of the Club, said Mr. T. E. Pearce, Chairman, were in a sound position. Liability on debentures was only \$1,500 per annum and the Club had been paying this off at the rate of \$5,000 per annum. At the Bank they had over \$10,000 on fixed deposit and over \$5,000 on current account.

The Bank, stated the Chairman, had agreed to an overdraft to cover the cost of the reconstruction of the premises and the Chairman expressed the opinion that it was a move which could be taken with confidence in view of the continued increase in membership. The increase had been 15 per cent. since 1923, and the notice board indicated that the figure of 499 in January, 1927, would be considerably increased by the beginning of January next.

The proposal was then opened for discussion and Mr. G. R. Sayer urged the need for caution. He agreed that the additional improvements were advisable but expressed the opinion that there would be no prospect of increase of revenue due to the alterations.

Mr. Sayer made several suggestions with regard to increase of revenue and thought that the present scheme was not as economical as it might be. He saw no reason for demolishing the present staircase, for instance.

The Chairman went into the questions of figures as to how funds would be available and thought that there was not much reason to worry unless something unforeseen occurred. As regards the alterations which Mr. Sayer had criticised, the Chairman thought that having employed an architect to suggest the best means of carrying out the alterations it seemed a pity to reject his recommendations.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton thought it unfair to the Committee to go thoroughly into the matter at this stage of the proceedings. Mr. E. B. C. Hornell hoped that they would not quibble about cost. If the Club intended to extend at all, let the job be done thoroughly so that the question would not arise again for a considerable number of years.

The meeting decided unanimously that an extraordinary general meeting of the Club should be called for June 10 when the whole matter would be discussed in connection with a resolution.

## LADIES' GOLF.

## ENGLAND'S TITLE GONE TO SCOTLAND.

London, May 14.

In the ladies' national golf championship, Ireland beat Wales by six matches to three.



# ASK FOR ELBSCHLOSS BEER

IN CLUBS, HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS.  
COOL, LIGHT AND REFRESHING.

Sole Agents:  
THE WING ON CO., LTD.



"GOOD LUCK"  
BRAND  
NEW SEASON GINGER

Most reliable, good strong colour, mellow  
and well preserved.

The China Ginger Preserving Co., Ltd.  
No. 16, Bonham Strand, East Telephone C. 989

## GOING HOME?

If you are returning to Europe or America, WHY NOT GET THE BEST ACCOMMODATIONS while travelling, by ALLOWING US to protect your reservations?

THE AMERICAN EXPRESS CO., INC. are official agents for all steamship and railroad lines throughout the world and issue all tickets at tariff rates.

AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVELLERS' CHEQUES IN GOLD DOLLARS, STERLING OR FRANCS provide security against loss or theft and are the most convenient method of carrying money. THESE CHEQUES HAVE STOOD THE TEST OF TRAVEL and all banks cash them readily. After banking hours, at other times, hotels, shops and restaurants accept them in payment.

For large sums of money, it is convenient to carry AMERICAN EXPRESS LETTERS OF CREDIT. Their use among travellers the world over has been established by their unquestioned reliability and ready recognition. An added feature is that drafts under our Letters are exchangeable for AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVELLERS' CHEQUES at our branches at a charge of 1 per cent.

Complete information can be obtained on application to—  
THE AMERICAN EXPRESS CO., INC.,  
4-A, Des Voeux Road, Central,  
Hong Kong.

MAN LOONG  
PRESERVED GINGER MANUFACTURERS.

NEW SEASON PRESERVED GINGER.  
Best quality—Prompt attention to Exporters.  
Office:—231, Queen's Road Central. Tel. C. 2530.  
Factory:—2 Godown, Praya, Dundas St., Mongkok. Tel. K. 88.

PHONE C. 416.

THE ASIA COMPANY  
GENERAL STOREKEEPERS  
SHIP & FAMILY COMPRADORES  
9, POTTINGER ST., HONG KONG.

Only the Finest British and American Goods are Stocked by us.  
Price List on Application.

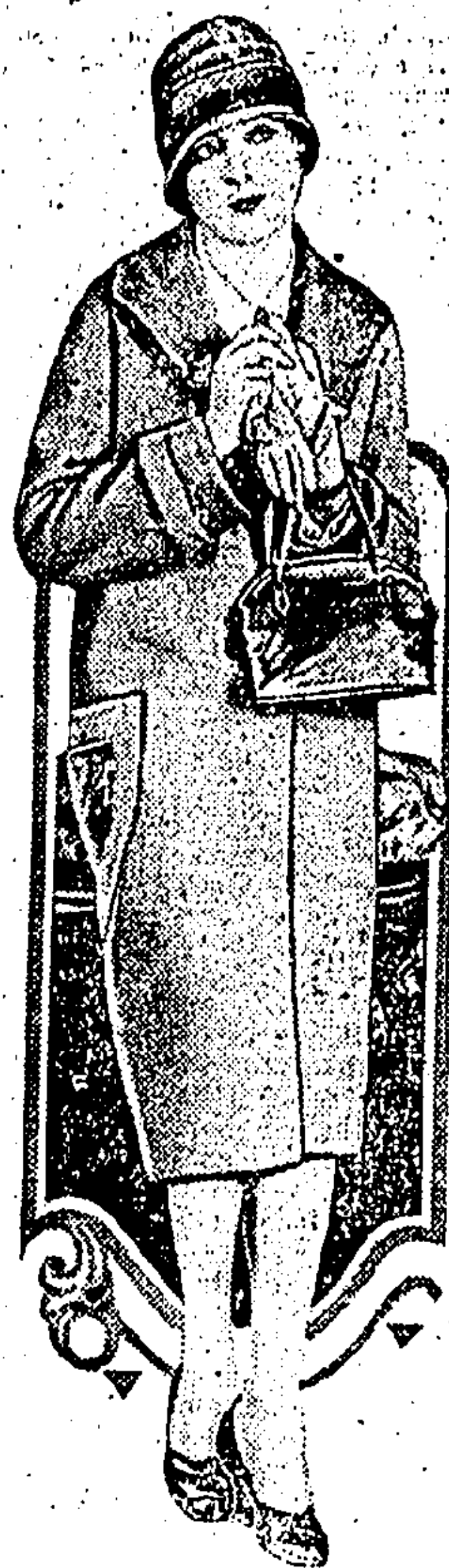
Hong Kong's Artistic Photographers

The  
YING MING STUDIO

Queen's Road Central

(Official Photographers of the "China Mail.")

## FASHIONS AND FANCIES



The slender silhouette dominates the mode. Coats for all occasions find the road to chic best reached along slenderizing straight lines. There are many ways of adding interest to the coat without altering its lines, and Paris has created pleasing models through the use of tucks, tiers, scallops, pleats, bindings and stitching.

Some of the most successful coats are made in fine woollens. These are generally quite straight and are often corded to give interest. In some cases the lines slant in front, forming a point in the back. Sometimes they are perfectly plain and straight except for a slight flare placed on the side or front.

Fancy revers mark some simple daytime coats, while others make use of fur to decorate collar, cuffs or pocket. In the more formal coats ermine is the most popular selection—ermine in its natural white or dyed beige or cocoa as the coat demands. Other furs are squirrel, fox, fish or mole. In the sports models, calfskin, "cat" furs and caracul are seen.

For motoring, the coat with the raglan or semi-raglan sleeve is often used. These coats are straight in line, often with scarf collars or matching scarfs. Large pockets and buttons as well as belts mark their detail.

Billie Dove, whose spring collection of coats is an alluring one, wears for day and night a smart camel's hair coat of slender lines, becomingly collared and cuffed in tan calfskin. Pockets, too, are treated with this new fur trimming. Miss Dove appears in a scene from her First National film, "The Tender Hour," wearing this modern sports coat.

### CHILDREN'S TABLE MANNERS.

I have been asked to give a few words on this important subject and to suggest to parents the necessity of training their little boys and girls at an early age how to conduct themselves at the breakfast, dinner, and tea table. I am very much afraid there is little attention paid in this respect, and so long as cups are not upset or a fall from the chair does not occur, nothing else much matters. These, who are now small children, will grow up into an age when they will surely experience a sharp twinge of humiliation when eating in the presence of others who are perfectly at ease in their correct manner.

It would be a good thing and time and trouble well spent if parents were to pay strict attention to the table manners of their children while the latter are quite young. As soon as a child is old enough to

Originality marks the silhouettes which Paris has set her stamp of approval upon in the spring collection of frocks. There is a general departure from lines which have been accustomed to lend chic to the mode.

For instance, there are now gowns with or without waistlines, frocks which feature odd shoulder treatments, bolero effects, the softest blouse effect and skirts of varying lengths and fullnesses. Perhaps one of the most outstanding features is the use of contrasting fabrics in the newest frocks. This striking note introduces not only contrasting materials, but contrasting colours. The two-piece mode, of course, best illustrates this new fashion. The most successful models show colour and fabric details worked with subtlety and a harmonious result.

There is generally to be noted a softening influence in the silhouette. A band of embroidery, or a border of applique, or passamenterie, piping, fagoting, cross stitch or any other form of needlework serves to feminize the effect of the dress. In the tiered gown many striking models are shown which display the use of contrasted colours and materials. Other costumes introduce a new note in the geometric plan, with ornament details.

Printed fabrics will hold an important place in the fashions of spring. These in general follow the same lines that are to be found in the frocks of a plain fabric.

The bow is a distinct fashion note of extreme importance. It may be found at all points of the dress, the shoulder, the waist, the hip line or the bow placed at front, at side and in the back.

One of the favourite silhouettes for spring shows a bloused line, a soft, feminine outline, and a snugly defined neckline.

Lola Wilson, whose youth and charm lend themselves with distinct appeal to the femininely inclined frock, finds herself charmingly costumed with all that is new in her First National film, "Broadway Nights." Miss Wilson has selected chiffon in a soft shade of blue. It possesses many features of the new mode. It has a full sleeve caught into a tight cuff. A large flower at the shoulder in a delicate pink gives colour contrast, while a bow at the waist also marks its newness. The skirt has an uneven hemline and is quite full.

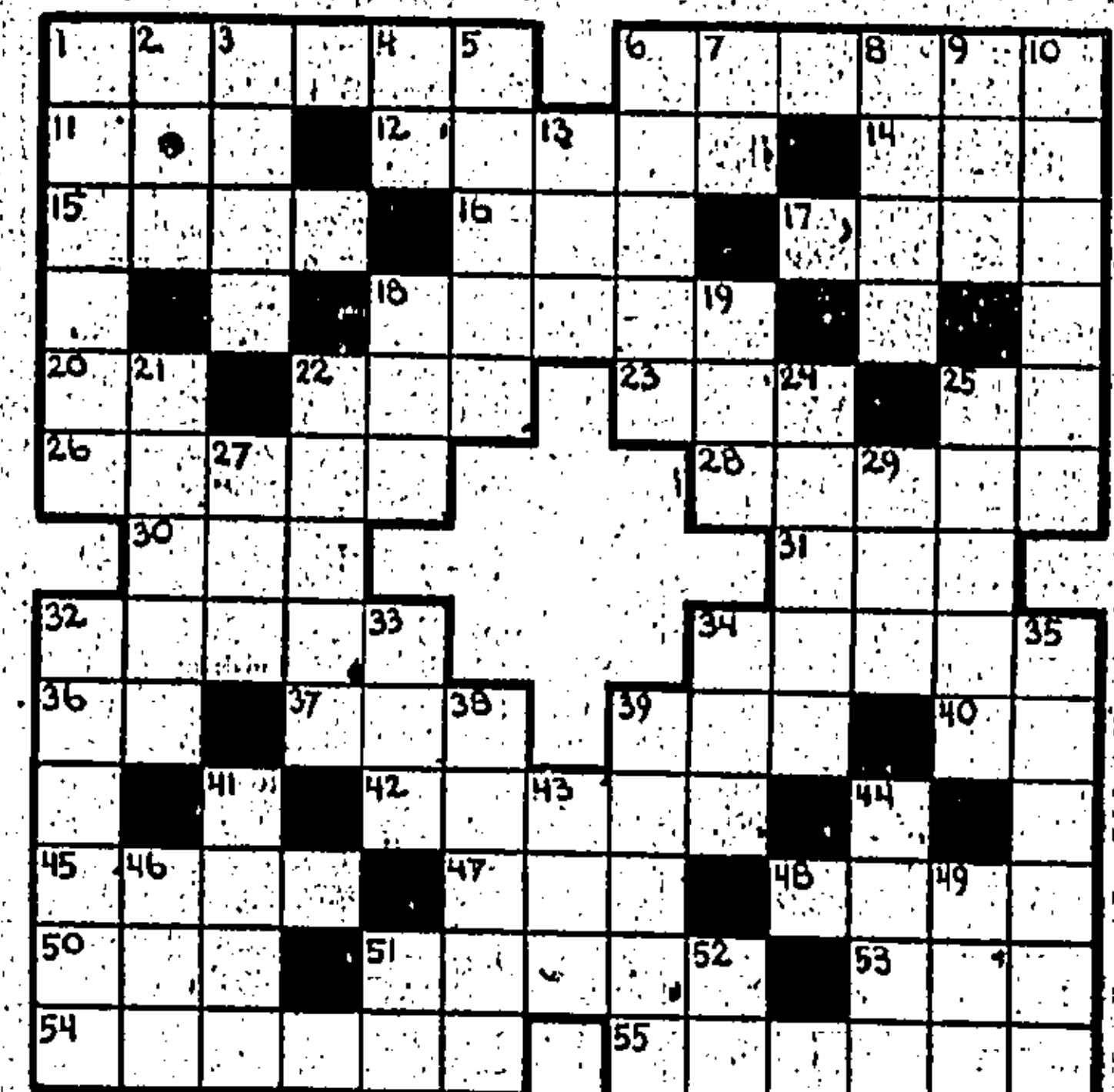
### LEISURE AND CLOTHES.

The witty and the learned have been talking about the "Menace of the Leisureed Woman." One of the oldest pronouncements was the statement that "the clothes we have to-day are only invented for a leisureed class that does not have to work, and has most of its time to 'wily' with, and to wear 'filmy' clothes that need constant renewal and washing."

I was amazed at the above remark, for when leisure for women is discussed, the first thing that

## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



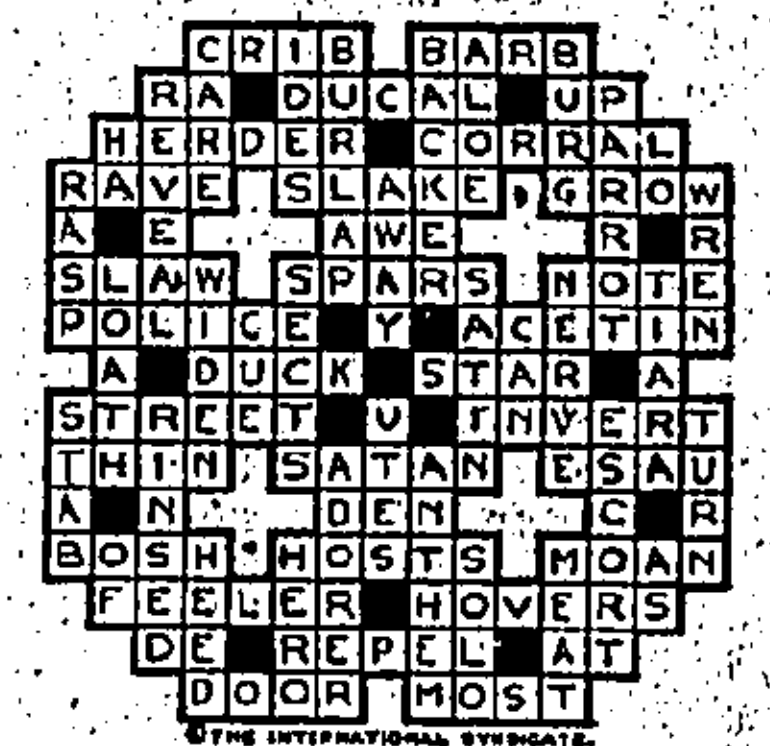
©THE INTERNATIONAL SYNDICATE.

- |                         |                           |                         |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>HORIZONTAL</b>       | <b>HORIZONTAL (Cont.)</b> | <b>VERTICAL (Cont.)</b> |
| 1-Silly                 | 42-Author of Endymion     | 13-Fish eggs            |
| 6-Irritates             | 45-A satellite            | 18-Playful blow         |
| 11-Anger                | 47-Before                 | 19-Grafty               |
| 12-Convey               | 48-Verbally               | 21-Flow out             |
| 14-Brazilian coin       | 50-Ever (contr.)          | 22-Laps                 |
| 15-Clean                | 51-Smooth with the        | 24-Weld                 |
| 16-Likewise             | 52-Observe                | 25-Wide                 |
| 17-Heavenly body        | 54-Makes exhausting       | 27-A color              |
| 18-Abounds              | 55-Depends upon           | 28-Tune                 |
| 20-51 (Roman)           | 56-Part of roof           | 29-Adapted to a         |
| 22-Sport crank          |                           | 30-purpose              |
| 23-Beverage             |                           | 33-Asiatic ox           |
| 24-Measure of           |                           | 34-Owns                 |
| 25-Capacity (abbr.)     |                           | 35-Scanty               |
| 26-To be oneself        |                           | 36-Equal                |
| 28-Period of time (pl.) |                           | 38-Guide                |
| 30-Salt (Latin)         |                           | 41-A character in       |
| 31-River (Spanish)      |                           | 42-Part of verb "to be" |
| 32-Bay of very deep     |                           | 43-Throw                |
| 33-fides                |                           | 44-Over (contr.)        |
| 34-King of Tyre         |                           | 45-Born                 |
| 35-Pref. Again          |                           | 46-Promissory note      |
| 37-Tree field           |                           | 48-Yes                  |
| 38-So (Scott.)          |                           | 49-The dogstar          |
| 40-Pref. Out            |                           | 52-A continent (abbr.)  |

**SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES**  
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



and ironing scraps of white muslin and lace.

springs to my mind is that the middle-class girls who work and the wives of middle-class men now do have some time to spare in their busy lives, because modern fashions have lightened the drudgery of women lived and worked (writes Jane Ramsay-Kerr in the "Evening Standard").

The leisureed woman once only existed among the very wealthy—now there are quite a number of feminine creatures who run their houses, or earn a living wage, and yet manage to enjoy a certain amount of spare time because they are not eternally sewing one button, hooks and tapes, threading lingerie with ribbons, and washing

Storage Space Available.

REPAIRS & OVERHAULS

At Reduced Rates

PROMPT—AND—CAREFUL—ATTENTION—  
TO ALL YOUR REQUIREMENTS

DAY & NIGHT HIRE SERVICE.

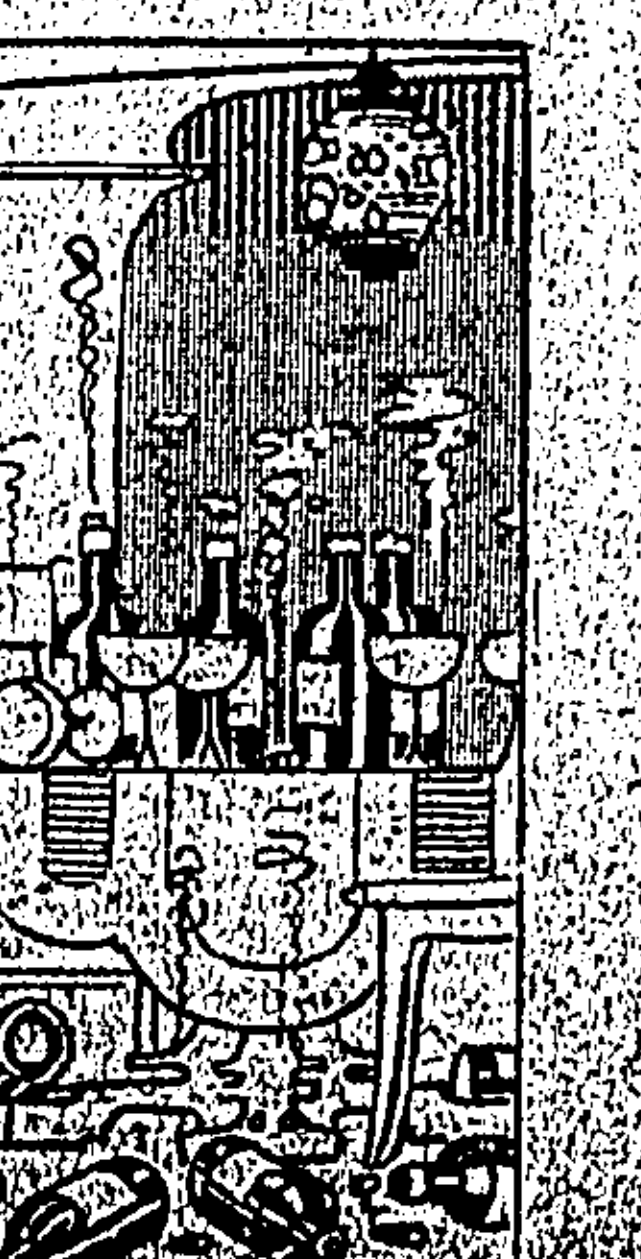
Liberal Discounts On Tyres & Tubes  
Stocks Always On Hand.

THE DURO MOTOR COMPANY, LTD.

Tels: K. 1226 & 226. Nathan Road, Kowloon.

YOU  
are invited to inspect our  
Stock of  
Asiatic, Foreign and Colonial  
POSTAGE STAMPS  
IN SETS, SINGLE PACKETS,  
RAGS AND IN APPROVAL  
SHEETS.

GRACA & CO.  
DEALERS IN POSTAGE STAMPS,  
PHILATELIC GOODS, PICTURE  
POST CARDS, TOYS, &c.  
No. 10, Wyndham Street,  
C. Box No. 424, Hong Kong







### Silk Fancy TIES That Men Like.

The most attractive  
neckwear you ever  
saw at the price.

1 Tie: 1 Batwing: 1 Handkerchief  
Put up in Fancy Box.  
Prices \$3.70 to \$5.25 each.

Also many other ties and bows sold separately  
with handkerchiefs to match.

Early Selection Advised.

THE SINCERE CO., LTD.

NATURAL MINERAL WATER  
FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S Springs

**VICHY CELESTINS**  
In bottles, half and full.

Gout, Diabetes, Rheumatism, Gravel, Arthritis

**VICHY GRANDE-GRILLE** For Liver trouble  
and Biliaryness.

**VICHY HOPITAL** For Indigestion.

Refuse substitutes. — Mention name of Spring required.

## ODDS AND ENDS

### Imagination.

The strongest element of the English genius is imagination; the imagination which has found vent all through our history in our passion for the far-flung places of the world, and in our old love of adventure and the unknown, but which is shown most clearly in our literature. Our poetry is richer in imagery, the natural language of the imagination, than any other. Frequently the imaginative element takes the place of passion (in which we are naturally deficient it seems), of emotion, of sensibility, and often even of thought. It is at once the glory and the danger of English art. — Veronica Rice in "The Contemporary Review."

### A Beautiful Language.

Myself, I have a weakness for things French, even for things the Frenchman himself would be the first to admit are not always beautiful. Somehow they have wheeled their way into my affections. For instance when I see "Defense d'afficher" written on a blank wall I am at once conscious of a warm sense of well-being. It stirs me to an emotion that "Stick no bills" does not. I don't want to stick bills on anybody's walls, French or English, but I prefer being told not to in French. Why, I don't know; but there it is. Similarly, I love the large signs like "Byrrh," "Dubonne! — Quinquina," and other homely disfigurements of the countryside for reasons quite apart from the refreshments they suggest. "Pneu," which nobody wants to consume — or pronounce, if it can be avoided — affects me in the same way. Then take street names. What a study they are in themselves! I should like to make a collection of them — Rue Viande Froide, Rue de la Tête Noire, Rue Pain Perdu; names like that. Why, the commonplace could not breathe in such streets, and one could no more alter these titles than one could rechristen the Rue de Massacre here in Chartres. Fancy your butcher — families waited on daily — having an address like that. Look at the personality you can get; the association of ideas. No, there's nothing dull about these old streets, false-front them how you may. Every gable in them is a dog-eared page of romance. — Inglis Sheldon-Williams. — "A Dawdle in France" (A. & C. Black, Ltd.)

### The Correct Lover.

He was so completely the correct lover of mature years; he would bend stiffly from the hips and kiss her hand; he seemed better at kissing hands than kissing lips. In fact there were times when she had the feeling that he was afraid of her, though what he could fear in her was beyond her comprehension. Yet his kisses were tentative and self-conscious, as though he were thinking about the quality of his kissing even when he was in the midst of it. She was a little bewildered. His breath never came more quickly when he was near her. She still thought of him as strong and silent, and Spanish, and she had held her breath and waited for the fire beneath to reveal itself. She had been mesmerized by a mystery, by a little god of her own making, but her delirium continued to be grandly inarticulate and benignly silent. It was a shy and obscure god. She sought to cling, and he was as stiff as a post, a kind of post, a martyr's stake. For the piece of wood that was Frean yearned to become the young tree, and hoped that the miracle might happen, and was afraid that it would not happen. And the very fear inhibited the transformation, and he continued to be the post — Warwick Deeping, "Doomsday" (Cassell.)



How do you wake these mornings? Fresh and fit, or dull, depressed and ill-tempered? If the latter most probably your liver is to blame, for which trouble Pinkettes are the ideal remedy. As gently as nature Pinkettes stimulate the liver, dispel constipation, banish biliousness, and sick headaches, clear the skin, purify the blood, prevent diarrhoea and dysentery, relieve Piles. Of chemists or post free, 60 cents the vial from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 60, King's Road, Shanghai.

### "Noo Yawki!"

Broadway at night is a stupendous electrical spectacle, but turn aside into 55th Street West and you immediately step into the gloom and equal of an isolated Negro Street. Walk east from 55th Street, Fifth Avenue for five minutes and you will find a cheap and vulgar squalor that could not be easily duplicated. It is but a step from the canyons of the Wall Street section to the Bowery, where anything is liable to happen after dark. — J. H. McCulloch, in "The English Review."

### Genius.

I do not believe that any work of genius (talent is another matter) has been produced by one human creature without another human creature being concerned in the act of creation. A play, a poem, a picture, must have its parents like any other child of controlling spirit and obedient flesh; the actual relationship matters little — mother, sister, lover, wife, patient, servant — all these have served in turn his brush, his chisel, his pen. But the fact does stand out, all human experience teaches, that it is at the light of some human creature's eye that the improved artist lights his torch. And then? Why, it's over the hills and as far away as his genius can run. If he is a supreme genius he'll want no help to keep it alight. But to light it he has had to turn to another, and nine times out of ten that other is a woman — Clemence Dane — The Woman's Side. (Herbert Jenkins)

### The Poet Michael Bruce.

In his last illness, one of his fellow students, the late Dr. Lawson, of Selkirk, who happened to be preaching as a candidate for the congregation of Mr. Mair, at Minnathort, called upon him. Mr. Lawson found the poet in bed, "very pale, his eyes large and lustrous, but delighted to see his unexpected visitor." Mr. Lawson observed to him that he was glad to find him so cheerful. "And why," said he, with noble trustfulness, "should not a man be cheerful on the verge of heaven?" "But," said his friend, "you look so emaciated, and I am afraid you cannot last long." "Quickly, and with a flash of the humour of his healthful days, he answered, 'You remind me of the story of the Irishman who was told that his novel was about to fall, and I answer with him. Let it fall, it is not mine; or perhaps his words were, 'It is not me.' Soon after this, on July 5, 1907, in the flow of his youth, Bruce imperceptibly fell asleep in death, aged twenty-one years and three months. His Bible was found upon his pillow, marked down at Jer. xxii. 10. "Weep ye not for the dead, neither bemoan him," and on the blank leaf, was written —

"Tis folly to rejoice and boast  
How small a price my Bible cost.  
The day of judgment will make clear

"Twas very cheap — or very dear."  
— John Guthrie Barnett, in "Life and Works of Michael Bruce, Poet of Lochleven."

Eating is obviously one of the really sincere and first-hand pleasures which are quite independent of precedent or tradition. It is true that people eat far too much and far too often, that they constantly eat at hours and under circumstances which must make it quite impossible for them to get any pleasure out of it at all. (For instance, to mix food with public speeches is an outrage, turning a pure and primitive delight into a refined and complicated torture). But for all that, eating is an occupation we all enjoy and should feel lost without. I believe we shall continue to spend several hours of every day in doing it, even if the time comes (fore-shadowed in Mr. Haldane's Dædalus) when it is possible to be painlessly and joylessly nourished by swallowing now and again a small capsule containing all the ingredients necessary to life. A day without meals! It stretches before us an arid, unpunctuated waste. But we might with advantage revolutionise our existing timetable and menu, though we are certainly right in our present-day habit of rarely eating alone. Eating alone is a dreary and almost a disgusting occupation. One's mouth becomes a mere slot; everything tastes like sawdust; one rises after five minutes' hectic wolfing, satiated to suffocation, with a dull pain. But we might have fewer solid, ceremonial, sit-down meals, and more sporadic nibbling in gardens at odd moments. We might have eggs and bacon last thing at night instead of first thing in the morning. (There is nothing in the world so good at 11.30, after a public meeting or a play). We might have cheese, that wholly satisfying food, at the beginning instead of at the end of meals, when one is usually too replete to touch it. We might have more, much more Devonshire cream and lettuce, and honey, and fresh toast, shrimp, wild strawberry, and new bread in our lives, and much less custard, cauliflower, fancy biscuits, consommé, Jellies, bread, and butter, pudding, ham sandwiches, coconuts, vegetable, and salted cake. Is there anything except habit which induces any one of us to swallow any of these things? Speaking for myself alone, I can quite honestly say no. — Violet Bonham Carter in "Good Housekeeping."

THE  
**HONGKONG**  
HONGKONG HOTEL; REPULSE BAY HOTEL;  
PEAK HOTEL.  
Telegraphic Address: "KREMLIN, HONGKONG."  
AND  
**SHANGHAI**  
ASTOR HOUSE HOTEL; PALACE HOTEL;  
MAJESTIC HOTEL.  
Telegraphic Address: "CENTRAL, SHANGHAI"  
**HOTELS,**  
LIMITED.

In association with the Grand Hotel  
des Wagons Litts, Peking.

### KING EDWARD HOTEL.

Rooms will not be available for the  
Public also Lounge and Dining Room,  
till after the 14th day of June. There  
is a special lounge at the back of the Bar  
for the Public.

Phone C. 373. J. H. WITCHELL,  
Cables: "Victoria," Hong Kong. Manager.

### EMPRESS HOTEL, LTD.

Newly-opened on 12th April.

We are famous for our CHINESE  
DELICACIES and our liquors.

Private telephones and hot and cold  
baths with every room. Luxuriously  
furnished with the best Chinese Furni-  
ture. Every modern convenience.

159-161, Connaught Road Central.  
Phones: C. 5384, C. 5385, C. 5386, C. 5387, C. 5388.  
Cable address: "Emphotel."

### TUNG SHAN HOTEL.

IS NOW OPEN.

EVERY MODERN CONVENIENCE.

Private telephone, hot and cold water basin and European  
baths. Lavishly furnished. Chinese and European dishes can  
be served.

Facing the harbour.  
37-39 Connaught Road West. Tel. C. 5505. Tel. C. 5506.

### EMPRESS LODGE.

Tel. Kowloon 286. Tel. Add. "Empress Lodge."  
2-12, Mody Road, Kowloon.  
Private Hotel, best location in Kowloon, convenient to ferry, flats  
of 2 or 3 rooms, also bed-sitting rooms, daily or monthly rates. Excellent  
cuisine, special rates for families. For information apply to  
MRS. E. OWEN MURPHY,  
Proprietress.

### ST. GEORGE & CLERMONT HOTELS

HONG KONG & KOWLOON  
**ST. GEORGE HOTEL**  
21, 23 & 25, Kennedy Road, Hong Kong.  
Eight minutes walk from Blake Hall. Beautifully situated overlooking Botanical Gardens,  
Hong Kong & Harbour. Large, newly furnished rooms, spacious verandahs. Modern  
conveniences. First Class Cuisine and attendance.  
Telegrams—Nudean. Phone C. 477.

**CLERMONT HOTEL**  
9, 10, 11, 12, Clatham Road, Kowloon.  
Splendid location in best part of Kowloon. Full view of Hong Kong and Harbour.  
Large newly furnished well ventilated rooms and verandahs. All modern conveniences.  
Catering of the best under European supervision.  
Telegrams—Nudean. Phone K. 810.  
For terms and information at above Hotels apply:  
Mrs. F. E. CAMERON  
Proprietress.

### Necessity Brought Us Into Existence IMPERIAL CAFE

60, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

We respectfully request the favour of your Patronage.  
English Meals prepared under Ideal condition.

**50 CENTS**

NO EXTRAS. QUALITY—CLEANLINESS—CIVILITY. NO TIPS.  
English Management. Open from 8 a.m. till midnight.

### ADELPHI HOTEL. SINGAPORE.

The ONLY HOTEL in Singapore  
fitted throughout with  
MODERN SANITATION  
**TEA DANCES**  
EVERY TUESDAY  
**AFTER DINNER DANCES**  
EVERY WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & SATURDAY  
**ROOF GARDEN CINEMA**  
EVERY SUNDAY EVENING  
**LADIES' LOUNGE** **PALM COURT**  
Cables: Adelphi. **ADELPHI HOTEL LTD.**  
HARRY H. WILLIES,  
Managing Director.

**MASSAGE**  
Mr. SHIMIDZU  
Mrs. HONDA  
No. 24, Wyndham Street  
Tel. C. 4945.

**MASSAGE**  
NAKAMURA  
No. 23, Beach Street  
2nd floor.

## "Three Castles" CIGARETTES

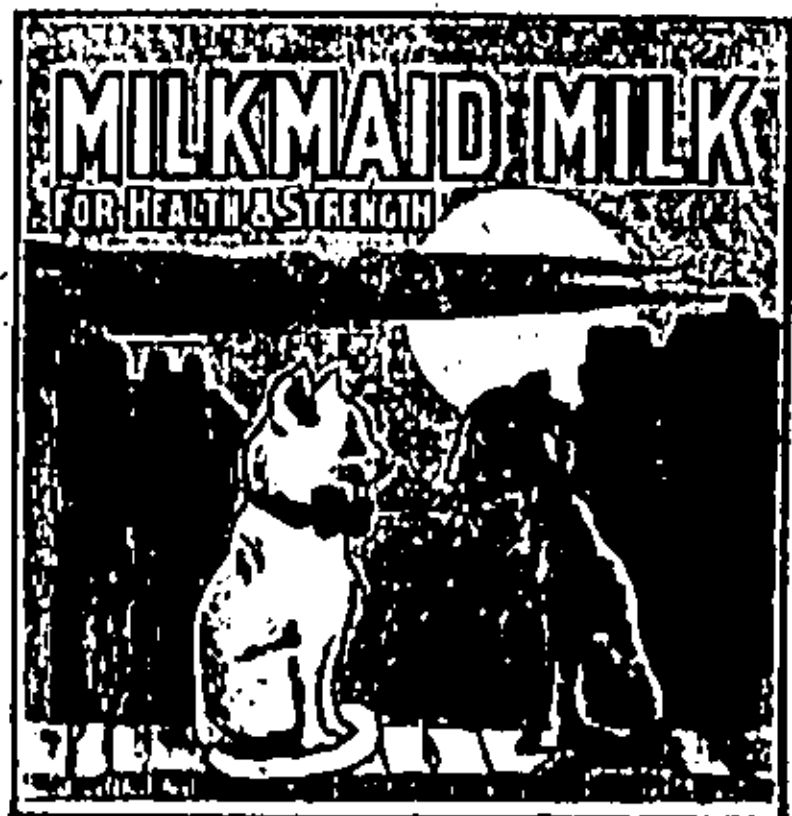
ALWAYS  
COOL  
SWEET  
&  
FRAGRANT

Also packed in  
Regular 20's and 50's

SOLD EVERYWHERE

This advertisement is placed by the British American Tobacco Co. (Limited) Ltd. EA-256

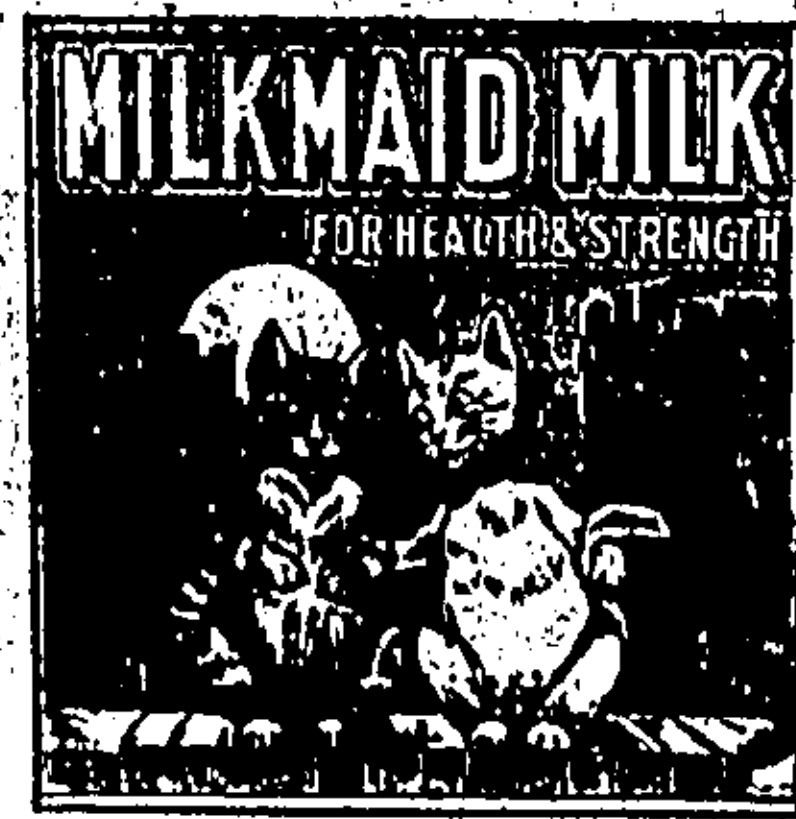




# China Mail

ESTABLISHED  
1845

HONG KONG, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1927.



## LONDON SERVICE.

"AUTOLYOUS" 6th June London, Hull, Rotterdam & Hamburg  
"DIOMED" 14th June Marseilles, London, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull  
"HARPEDON" 20th June Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Glasgow  
"AUTOMEDON" 27th July Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg  
"Call at Genoa."

## LIVERPOOL SERVICE.

"THESEUS" 20th June Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow  
"CANITA" 15th July Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow  
"AERES" 20th Aug. Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow

## PACIFIC SERVICE.

"KORE & YOKOHAMA" 5th June Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle  
"TALITHYDIUS" 5th June Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle  
"AOHILLIS" 2nd July Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle

## NEW YORK SERVICE.

"ELPENOR" 5th June New York, Boston & Baltimore  
"AGAPENOR" 3rd July New York, Boston & Baltimore

## PASSENGER SERVICE.

"HARPEDON" 29th June Singapore, Marseilles & London  
"PATROCLUS" 27th July Singapore, Marseilles & London  
"ANTENOR" 24th Aug. Singapore, Marseilles & London  
"HECTOR" 5th Oct. Singapore, Marseilles & London

Also cargo steamers with limited passenger accommodation at specially reduced fares.

For freight and passage rates and information apply to:-

Butterfield & Swire,

Agents.

## POST OFFICE NOTICE.

List of ships expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong to-day:  
Aeneas, Baron Dalmeny, President Pierce, President Madison, Kait Jural, Songho, Gomma, Bourbon, Shantung, Mingsang, West Himrod, Haining, Haiching, Hinsang, Tamba Maru, Kaijo Maru, Samarang Maru, Lyons Maru, Sunning.

The parcel post service to Russia in Asia via Japan is temporarily suspended.

## INWARD MAILS.

From	Per
WEDNESDAY, JUNE	1
Shanghai	Shantung.
Japan	Tanda.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	Glenbeg.
Shanghai	Linan.
THURSDAY, JUNE	2
Manila	Gomma.
Shanghai	Shangchow.
Europe via Negapatam letters & papers London 5th May, 1927	Suisang.
MONDAY, JUNE	6
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	Empress of Russia.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Monroe.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Jackson.
FRIDAY, JUNE	10
Japan & Shanghai	Kashmir.
MONDAY, JUNE	20
Manila	Empress of Russia.

## OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per
WEDNESDAY, JUNE	1
Bangkok	Havdrot 5 p.m.
THURSDAY, JUNE	2
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Kotsu Maru 8.30 a.m.
Straits	Glenbeg 10.30 a.m.
Java via Batavia	Tijkarang 11.30 a.m.
Straits	Haiyang 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai & Japan	Ramses 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Kutsang 5 p.m.
Manila, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 18th June.	Tanda.
Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (672) 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.	3
FRIDAY, JUNE	3
Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	Tean 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Linan 9 a.m.
Bangkok	Chinhua 9 a.m.
Saigon	Solken 9 a.m.
Haiphong	Song Bo 9 a.m.
SATURDAY, JUNE	4
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	Shantung 9 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta. Parcels 9 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.	Fooksang.
Swatow, Amoy & Fookchow	Hai Hong 9 a.m.
SUNDAY, JUNE	5
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Hozan Maru 9 a.m.
MONDAY, JUNE	6
Straits	Autolycus 9 a.m.
Wei Hai Wei	Hulchow 9 a.m.
Amoy	Soochow 9 a.m.
Swatow & Bangkok	Kalgan 9 a.m.
TUESDAY, JUNE	7
Swatow, Amoy & Fookchow	Hai Ching Noon.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 7th July. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	D'Aragnan.

## LOCAL SHIPPING.

### TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

### THIS MORNING'S LIST.

The following ocean-going steamers arrived during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. to-day:-

"Tanda" (4,236) British, from Moji—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.—19 passengers, 700 tons general cargo (through).

"Mingsang" (969) British, from Canton—Jardine's—45½ tons general cargo (through).

"Glenbeg" (5,846) British, from Shanghai—Jardine's—8 passengers, 30 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 7,000 tons beans (through).

"Kalgan" (1,556) British, from Bangkok—B. & S.

"West Isip" (3,572) American, from Manila—Swayne & Hoyt—1,200 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 4,500 tons general (through).

"Song Bo" (720) French, from Haiphong—M.M.—1,413 passengers, 1,050 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

"Fulda" (5,525) German, from Manila—Melchers & Co.—39 passengers, 400 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 4,180 tons general (through).

"Absia" (3,168) Dutch, from Yokohama—A.P.C.—6,776 tons fuel oil for Hong Kong.

"Toku Maru" (3,121) Japanese, from Saigon—Tokai S.S. Co., Ltd.—6,950 tons rice (through).

"Kotsu Maru" (918) Japanese, from Canton—O.S.K.—1 passenger, 51 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3 tons general (through).

"Times Maru" (1,305) Japanese, from Keelung—M.B.K.—1,200 tons coal for Hong Kong, 2,000 tons coal (through).

"Chung Kong" (447) Chinese, from Tourane—Yau Lee—500 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

"Fei Hu" (1,224) Chinese, from Bangkok—12 passengers, 2,000 tons rice and general cargo for Hong Kong.

### Departures.

For Swatow—Kalyan, Yusan, Haining, Sungshan Maru.

For Moji—Baron Dalmeny.

For Shanghai—Lyons Maru, Taiyo Maru, President Madison.

For Keelung—Toku Maru, Sanjin Maru.

For Tarakan—Capisa.

For Saigon—Prominent.

For Miliki—Benvorlich.

For Haiphong—Cheongshing.

For Canton—Haining.

For Singapore—Aeneas.

### Clearances.

For Hoihow—Borneo.

For Weihaiwei—Kojun Maru.

For Canton—Nitto Maru.

For Shanghai—Empress of Canada.

For Saigon—Bourbon.

## Shipping Abstract.

Arrivals	Departures	Port.
British	4	15
Japanese	3	9
Norwegian	0	1
Chinese	2	15
Dutch	1	6
French	1	3
German	1	0
American	1	3
Panama	0	1
Danish	0	1
Portuguese	0	3
Total	13	60

## PASSENGER LIST.

### ARRIVAL.

Hong Kong passengers arrived by the "Tanda" from Japan on June 1 were:—Mr. and Mrs. Wong Hoi-tim, Mr. P. H. Sul, Miss K. Beswick, Miss J. Prentice.

Through passengers to Australia were:—Miss Bumstead, Mr. and Mrs. McCordquale, the Misses N. and J. McCordquale, Mr. R. Taylor, Mrs. A. and Miss D. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss T. Heyman, Mr. and Mrs. Gadaloif, Mr. G. James.

## NOTICES.

### INSURANCE OFFICES HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the transaction of business on FRIDAY, SATURDAY & MONDAY, the 3rd, 4th and 6th June, 1927.

By Order,

LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,  
Secretaries,  
FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.  
MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG AND CANTON.  
Hong Kong, 1st June, 1927.

## HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

### NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of MEMBERS will be held in the Pavilion of the Hong Kong Cricket Club, Victoria, Hong Kong, at 5.30 p.m. on FRIDAY, 10th June, 1927, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving the following resolutions:—

(1) That the Committee be and are hereby authorised to take the necessary steps to add a second storey to the Pavilion and make such alterations and improvements to the existing building as may be deemed advisable.

(2) That the Committee be and are hereby authorised to borrow such sums of money and make such financial arrangements as may be required from time to time to carry out the work approved by Resolution No. 1.

By Order of the Committee,  
L. S. GREENHILL,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, 1st June, 1927.

## BUSINESS DIRECTORY

### Bookbinders.

THE "CHINA MAIL" Bookbinders.  
No. 5, Wyndham Street.

### Dentist.

HARRY FONG, Dentist,  
1st floor, No. 74, Queen's Road Central. Tel. Central No. 1255.

### Electrical Supplies.

THE GLOBE FOOK CHEONG ELECTRICAL SUPPLY CO. LTD.  
73, Queen's Rd. Central.  
Tel. C. 570.

### Engineers & Shipbuilders.

W. S. RAILLEY & CO. LTD.,  
Engineers and Shipbuilders,  
Kowloon Bay,  
New Work & Repairs.  
Call Flag "L".  
Sole Agents for Kelvin Motors.

### Hair Dressers & Booksellers.

LEE YEE,  
Ladies' and Gentlemen's Hair Dressers and Booksellers,  
No. 12, D'Aguiar Street (opposite Queen's Theatre).

### Optician.

THE HONG KONG OPTICAL CO.  
Phone 2232,  
55, Queen's Road Central.

### Printers.

"THE CHINA MAIL" General Printers.  
Publishers and Bookbinders,  
5, Wyndham Street. Tel. C. 22.

### Ship Chandlers.

E. HING & CO.,  
25, Wing Woo St. Tel. C. 1116.  
Metal Merchants and Ship Chandlers.  
Managing Director—MR. H. S. CHIN.

Printed and published for the concerned by GEORGE WILLIAM CADS BURNETT, Managing Editor, at 5, Wyndham Street, Hong Kong.

The Greatest Character Actor of the Age in a role that does him justice!

Read what the Papers have said:

"A tremendous motion picture spectacle, an exciting picture of battles and sw-eping masses of men, an imposing architectural composition and a humanly personal story of kings and slaves of ancient Egypt"—*New York Times*.

"With its gigantic mass effects, its stupendous architectural backgrounds, its rushing mob scenes, the humanness of the story itself and of the characters who move through it to measures of love, hate, revenge and petty tyranny, is never lost"—*New York Morning Telegraph*.

"Centuries rolled away and the dead past become the living present"—*New York Journal*.

"One of the majestic pictures of the decade, as mysteriously fascinating as the Sphinx"—*New York Herald*.

ERNST LUBITSCH

presents

EMIL JANNINGS

in

THE LOVES of PHARAOH

TO-DAY at

2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.20

QUEEN'S

A Thrilling Tale of the Canadian Great Lakes and of a venturesome maid!

JACK HOLT

and

NORMA SHEARER

"EMPTY HANDS"

TO-DAY ONLY

WORLD

2.30, 5.15, 7.15, 9.15.

TO-DAY ONLY

STAR

2.30 to 11.15 CONTINUOUS

ADOLPH ZUKOR AND JESSE L. LASKY, PRESENT

RICHARD DIX



"TOO MANY KISSES"

WITH FRANCES HOWARD